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delays hardline tactics against Egypt

Hardline Arab tactics against the rejectionist summit. Baghdad's peace initiative of President Sadat were being delayed last night by

historic enmity for the Syrian regime was thought to be one Iraq's intransigence at the Tripoli reason for the failure to agree.

Economic boycott unlikely

From David Weits
Tripoli, Libra, Dec 4
Intransignate on the part of Iraq was nometit delaying agreement by feeders of the six hardline states of the Arab world on a programme aimed at undermining President Sadat's peace initiative with Israel.

As the third day of tormous discussions at the rejectionist summit drew to a close the leaders of Libra, Syria, South Yamen, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization were awaiting the Iraqi non were awaiting the Iraqi delegation's approval of a series of political measures against the Egyptian Govern-

general agreement between the other leaders on an anti-Sadar front that would put pressure on the Egyptian President without harming the Egyptian people. For that reason, an economic howcort is thought people. For that reason, an economic boycott is thought unlikely despite Libyan demands for one.

Most of the discussions over

the weekend were aimed at putting pressure on the Iradis to sign the agreement. Talks to sign the agreement. Talks continued until the early hours of Sunday morning but the Iradi delegation, led by Mr Taha legrand, were apparently insisting on rejection in the final communique of Resolution 242 of the United Nations which refers to withdrawal of the Israelis from Arab lands occupied during the 1967 war and provides for all the states the weekend were aimed at

in the area to live within secure and recognized borders. Syria and the other more moderate established without peace agree-states would prefer that the ments and without negociation communiqué made no reference to United Nations resolutions.

to United Nations resolutions.

Another, equally cogent, reason for the Iraqi stand was Baghdad's historic hatred for the Damascus regime. Though informed sources had been saying that the two old enemies were gradually moving closer during the conference, which has been meeting in non-stop sessions of up to eight hours, it was apparent that the idea of being seen in close alliance with the Syrians was proving too much.

In a dramatic move, which some interpreted as part of the pressure on Iraq, the Palestine Liberation Organization called a press conference in midafternoon today to announce that all six factions of the PLO had agreed on a six-point programme which they asked the whole conference to accept.

The programme appeared to put the PLO back in the hard-line position which it adopted at Khartusn 10 years ago. Af the press conference attended by all the PLO faction leaders except Mr Yassir Arafat, who was still conferring with the national leaders, the PLO called for the rejection of all international peace conferences based on United Nations Resolunational peace conferences based on United Nations Resolu-tions 242 and 338, including

established without peace agreements and without negotiation and demanded a political boycott of the Sadat Government. The PLO then called for the establishment of a front of confrontation and defiance? by all parties attending the all parties attending the summet and gave warning that it would expose any state at the summet which refused to join that front.
Conference sources were

Conference sources were tonight expecting that, despite the plots and murders that have marked the 17 splits in the Baatusst parties of Damascus and Baghdad since 1936, the Iraqis might eventually be persuaded to join the front because of the danger of their being excluded from the rejectionist fold and upstaged by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, if they did not fell into line.

Colonel Gaddafi, who has obviously relished his role at the summit, was dressed in blue velvet jarket, green T-shirt and slarks for this afternoon's session. He has stage managed the denunciation of President Sadat amouthly despite the obvious lack of enthusiasm by many of the "protesters" who have been brought into Tripoli by bus. If political points are to be won at the conference the nearche.

political points are to be won at the conference, the peacock-like Colonel Gaddati is likely

to collect most of them.
Egypt's call to US, page 6

Iraq's enmity for Syria 100 feared dead as hijacked jet crashes into swamp

sian architer hijacked by Japanese Red Army rerrorists crashed into swampland on the south coast of Malaysia tonight and all 100 people on board

Malaysian Minister of Commu-nications, said the Malaysian Airlines system (MAS) Boeing 737, carrying 93 passengers and seven crew, touched down briefly at Kuala Lumpur before taking off again for Singapore. The aircraft disappeared from radar screens at Singa-

Rescue workers at the crash scene, near the village of Tuas, reported no sign of survivors. Bodies, baggage and debris from the aircraft were spread

Two Malaysian Air Force 8.14 pm. with their spotlights illuminated with their spotlights illuminated ing the grisly scene below.

MAS said the hijackers had ing the grisly scene below.

Ordered the pilot to fly to A young man who saw the

between the Malaysian island of Penang and the capital, Kuala Lumpur. The pilot radioed the There were eyewimess reports of explosions on board the aircraft before it came control tower at Kuala Lumpur's Subang airport saying the air-craft had been taken over by Japanese Red Army men who

were armed with explosives. The airliner was on a sched-led flight from Penang to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

Among the passengers were
Datuk Ali Ahmad, the Malaysian Minister of Agriculture, and Mr Mario Garcia Inchaustegui, the new Cuban Ambas-

Singapore, but the aircraft crash said the aircraft "shot sador to Malaysia, who was on

nationalities.

The Japanese Red Army was involved in a spectacular hi-jacking in September when it seized a Japon Air Lines aircraft over India and forced it to fly to Dacca, Bangladesh,

the Japanese Government banded over \$6m (£3.3m) in ransom together with prisoners n Japanese jails. released

crashed on the Malaysian side upwards, was shaken by a a tour of the country after Indian pilot on contract to the of the Straits of Johore, which loud explosion dived, burst into presenting his letters of airline was flying the Boeing separated the island of Singapore from the Malaysian main-land.

The airliner was hijacked An MAS official said the air-land the airline's first major crash. Land.

MAS Said all experienced function was on the presented on the country after Indian pilot on contract to the airline was flying the Boeing that crashed today. Today's was pore from the Malaysian main-land. liner was carrying 50 Malaysian
Chinese, 16 Malays, seven
Indians and 20 people of other
Singapore airlines split into two ago when the Malaysian and Singapore airlines split into two national carriers.-Reuter and

Agence France-Presse. Tripoli, Dec 4.—A Bulgarian airliner carrying 165 Muslim pilgrims on a flight from Mecca

Qarnada, killing 56 people The aircraft was a chartered Soviet-made Tupoley with a crew of six. It was making au emergency landing in bad weather when the crash came.

Reuter.

Government to make selective check on productivity pay deals

By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter Economic ministers bave decided that there should be a selective check on productivity deals that have been approved by the Government to make sure that they are self-financ-

The checking will be done by the Department of Employment, which recently increased the size of its staff handling pay agreements. The checks will not begin until the new year because ministers believe that approved deals need to run for at least three months before any inquiry is made. Selected companies will be asked to return to the department and show that the deals are still self-financing and that pay increases have not pushed

up unit costs and have not been passed on to the customer by price increases.

The decision is made as misters come under increasing pressure from their left-wing supporters over the rigidity of the Government's attitude towards the policy of

an average of a tenth. There was no sign last night, for example, of an end to the firemen's strike. In fact, it was being stated privately that one of the reasons for the Governments.

wage demand. Labour left-wingers are expressure on the Government tomorrow, when there is to be a special meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party to dis-cuss pay policy and cuts in public spending. Mr Healey, the Chancellor, has said he intends be present. Mr Frank Allaun, a member

of the Tribune group and vice-chairman of the Labour Party, said in a speech on Saturday that if the Government tried to block the "considerable" wage increases that workers were demanding the increases would still be won, but at the expense of strikes that could damage Labour's electoral chances.

He told a demonstration of firemen and other trade unionists in Manchester: The Prime Minister should end his rigid ceiling on pay. It is doing, and will increasingly do, untold

and will increasingly do, untold damage."

Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said on Saturday, however, that Britain might throw away its chance of winning the economic battle in a "pay bonanza".

He called for "just a little patience so that we can begin to benefit from the hard-won financial stability that we have achieved."

Mr Peter Walker, the Con-servative former Cabiner minis-ter, challenged the Government servative former Cabinet minister, challenged the Government yesterday to publish the secret list of companies against which carcinous have been imposed for going outside the biry guidelies are standard.



Emperor Bokassa, an admirer of Napoleon, was crowned amid great pomp in the Central

ment's determination to stand list of compar-firm was that any lossening of sanctions have the tight rein on the firemen for going outs might involve a greater throng live anyowed.

end in Bermuda. While some luckily timed heavy rain made last night calmer than the unruly nights of Thursday and Friday, there are few people optimistic enough to predict any sudden cooling of the birrer outburst of anger among black

outburst of anger among black youths protesting against Friday's hangings. Property worth millions of pounds has already been destroyed by fire.

The arrival of 200 men of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers—Queen's Division from Britain will help to relieve the pressure on the hard-pressed security. on the hard-pressed security forces. After a Cabinet meeting this morning a minister said that the plan is for the troops to remain unobtrusive and not to patrol the streets in place of

presence of British sokiiers could worsen the temper of the demonstrators, who see their protest primarily as racial. It is difficult, and might be dangerous, to get from the embittered young men any cogent motive for their three-day orgy motive for their three-day orgy of destruction. Reporters who tried to do so during a tense confrontation between the youths and police yesterday feening were threatened by a man wielding a machete who shouted: "Better get out of here. You're too white." One or two others were prepared to articulate their feeling that the two murderers, both black, would not have been hanged but for the fact that

rom Michael Leapman the riot police, except in emertheir victims were white and daylight clash between the familion, Bermuda, Dec 4 gencies. This is presumably that they included a Governor police and protesters. It is because of the Government's of the island and a commission occurred after a few cars had because of the control of the sound and a commission occurred after a few cars had because of the control of the sound and a commission occurred after a few cars had because of the control of t

Moreover, the decision not to reprieve the men as taken by a Government which, although it has both white and black members, is regarded as unrep-resentative by the protesters.

"The same Government has been in power since black people have been slaves", one youth said. Another explained: "When you have a Covern-

"When you have a Govern-ment put in power by a foreign rote, this is what you get."

The ruling United Bermuda party has the overwhelming support of white voters, many of whom were born in Britain and elsewhere outside the

Yesterday afternoon's In-cident was the first serious

British troops arrive in riot-torn Bermuda smashed, and a white man pulled from his motorcycle along Court Street in Hamilton. This street is the centre of much of the island's illicit

activity, notably the drug trade, and is in a part of the town where the police, even in the best of times, move with In these worst of times, they have been treating it as a no-go area, being content to cordon it off and stop the youths from moving into the capital's main shopping and hotel area. After the attacks on the cars

though, police Land-Rovers, each containing six policemen with helmets, riot shields and Continued on page 6, col 4

NUS may suspend anti-Jewish unions

From Diana Geddes Education Correspondent Blackpool

Any student union which withdraws the use of its facilisocieties from student Jewish societies fill be in danger of being suspended from the National Union of Students after a decision taken last night at the union's national

conference in Blackpool. The union voted overwhelmingly to amend its constitution to enable the conference to deprive a member union of some or all of the rights and privileges of membership of the national union if it discriminates against any of its members on the grounds of

race religion or creed.

The change must be ratified by at least a two-thirds majority et the next national conference in April before it can take

The motion, which was proposed by the union's national executive, was passed only after it had been amended to deprive the executive of the powers it had proposed for itself to take the initial decision on whether a union should be rights. As amended, the motion places that power in the hands of the conference.

It had been feared that giving the power to the executive might threaten the autonomy of the individual student unions. Only one student union would be affected if the motion had immediate effect: the School Hve funds to the college's

Israeli Society.

Miss Susun Slipman, president of the national union, said after the vote: "We are delighted that the democratic framework of the NUS has been defended and strengthened by woo what we wanted to see, ability to suspend student unions denying democratic rights to their members."
M Mosbe Foreman, president of the Union of Jewish Stu-dents, said, however: "The decision gives only little con-fort to Jewish students. No action will be taken before the next NUS conference against unions which have curtailed the rights of their members. We obviously cannot wait indefinitely for a solution and will continue our struggle through all political and legal means at our disposal. Mr Mohammed Abu-Koash,

president of the General Union Continued on page 2, col 1

Callaghan pledge to Israel By David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent

Congratulating Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, on his vision in receiving President Sadat, Mr Callaghan said last night that other Middle East states must be persuaded that Mr Sadat's visit could achieve

Mr Callaghan, speaking at a dinner given by Mr Begin at the end of his official visit to London, said Britain's commit-ment to the right of Israel to live in peace within secure borders was unqualified.
That goal had consistently eluded is a since the state was lirst established. Now, the

prospects for achieving it, the Prime Minister said, might be herter than at any time in Israel's history.
"Now other states in the

Middle East must be persuaded too, that sterile opposition prevents the full development, both of their people and of your own", Mr Callaghan said. "President Sadat's visit has raised expectations throughout the world that peace can at last be achieved together with security for Israel and a satis-faction of the legitimate rights ni all the people in the region, the Palestinian neluding

A strong sense of Mr Begin's solutions

Mr Begin arriving at 10 Downing Street yesterday to continue his talks with Mr Callaghan. determination to pursue a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, not just with Egypt but with all the Arab states, was given ruding the downing Street talks.

Mr Callaghan expressed his support and encouragement for the latest moves towards peace

and offered any British help that would prove practical. Having met Mr Begin, and heard his views, the Prime Minister feels more hopeful than he did before the discussions started, sources close to Downing Street said last night. No details were revealed of Mr Begin's precise ideas about territorial concessions by in his negotiating hand. But he left Mr Callaghan in no doubt about his concern with security, bringing two maps with him to the Cabinet room in Downing Street and pointing out how Israel's borders were affected. According to an Israeli spokesman he was "like a lecturer."

Mr Callaghan, in his toast at the dinner in the Savoy Hotel last dinner in the Savoy Hotel

last night, posed the question: what role could Israel's friends, play? "We have, of course, our own views about the need for withdrawal; about the way in which the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arabs should be met; about the way in which Israel's security can be guaranteed, he said. "From time to time we have

expressed our views on these matters and you are aware of them. But I do not believe that should be stridently advancing

The Prime Minister added that he agreed with President Carter that perhaps the best role that Israel's friends could play was to be supportive in the discussions that were taking place and in the negotiations that would follow them."

"Now is the time for quiet,

urgent, but intensive prepara-tions on these matters of substance and then for negotia-tions that could lead to a Geneva peace conference in the full sense of the word", Mr Callaghan went on.

From his conversations with Arab leaders, Mr Callaghan said he believed the courage and flexibility that would be required from Israel would be matched by an equal effort on their part. Many of them had a genuine desire to put an end to the sad history of Arab-Israeli relations.

During the afternoon, Mr Begin was taken to the Foreign Office by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, to the room where the Balfour Declaration was signed 60 years ago. There has been no "renewal" of the Declaration on this visit. The discussions yesterday

afternoon turned mainly to bilateral matters, one of the subjects raised by Mr Begin being the Foreign Office practice of endorsing documents which Israel claims serve the Arab boycott against trade with Israel. There is no change in the British position. them. But I do not believe that at this moment, any of us who are not directly concerned should be stridently advancing Mr Begin finds more of a hindrance than a help.

Biko family seeks damages

African Government for the the black leader's death from brain damage in a prison cell,

a family lawyer said today.

An inquest verdict on Friday cleared security police of blame for Mr Biko's death on September 12. Counsal for the family had maintained he received his head injuries when police beat him.

Today one of the family lawyers, Mr Shun Chetty, said the claim would probably be

from Government Johannesburg, Dec 4.—The be presented in the next two family of Steve Biko is to seek months, Mr Chetty said. If that damages from the South was not successful summonses would be issued.

would be issued.

Mr Martinus Prins, the presiding magistrate at the inquest, refused to call witnesses requested by the Biko lawyers such as Brigadier C. F. Zietsman, chief of the security police and Major-General C. F. Kleinhaus, who investigated the death.

In a civil action however, the family's lawyers would be able to subpoena such witnesses. lawyers, Mr Shun Chetty, said the claim would probably be made against Mr James Kruger, and friends of Mr Biko, Minister of Justice, Police and Prisons, and Mr Schalk van der Merwe, Minister of Health.

A demand for damages would still being held.—Reuter.

Public inquiry urged over Crown Agents By Our Political Reporter

The Government will face demands in the Commons today for a public inquiry into the loss by the Crown Agents of more than £200m of tax-

An emergency debate has been granted by the Speaker after the statement by Mrs Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, in the Commons

last week.

The demands for a public inquiry will come from Labour backbenchers and Opposition MPs. Mr John Mendelson, Labour MP for Penistone, who successfully enabled from a three property of the company of the com successfully applied for a three-hour emergency debare, said yesterday: "I will demand that the inquiry should be held in public."

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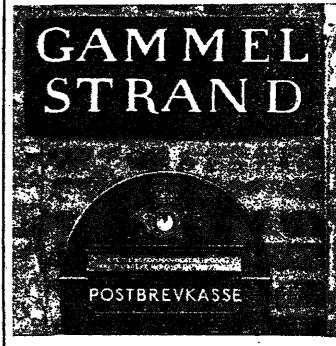
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Visit to Poland to discuss the ships deal

Brish Shipbuilders is sending a two-man delegation to Poland tomorrow to discuss the £115m Angle-Polish deal. They will tell the Poles that four of the 24 vessels have still to be assigned to British shippards. However, the delay Swan Hunter on the Tyne does not seem to be worrying British Ship-builden the two men are going to Poland only to iron out details

Fire strike doubt

The Fire Brigades Union executive is expected to be divided when it meets Omerrow to decide the next step in its strike for a 30 per cent pay rise. The TIC refuses to support a camraign against the pay policy Page 2

Scotland Bill's air powers attacked

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce wants the Secretary of State for Trade to remove from the Scorland Bill the assembly's pro-posed powers to license airfields and posed powers to include call aviation aircraft, as otherwise civil aviation, it will be thrown into confusion, it Page 2 \$375

Suarez unity move

Senor Suarez, Spain's Prime Minister, has strengthened his position by persuading 11 of the 12 parties in the ruling Democratic Centre Union to dissolve and unite. The move will end strife among coatition members which has damaged the Govern-

Coffee price cut

Brazil has announced a 33 per cent cut—from \$3.20 to \$2.10 a pound—in the official minimum price for exported coffee from today. Exporters said the old price was too high to be commercial

EEC summit faces budget wrangle

A wrangle over contributions to the EEC budget and the size of grants from the Community's regional fund seems likely to dominate the meeting of heads of governments of the Nine opening in Brussels today. A change next year to a new unit of account would almost double Britain's gross contributions to about Page 5

Indian explosion

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After an explosion at a heavy water plant about 200 miles north of Bombay, the plant has been closed down indefinitely. About 20 people received minor burns when a converter, extracting heavy hydrogen from ammonia gas, blev: up Page 7

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Dr Owen meets Mr Sithole

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, had talks in London with the Rey Ndabaningi Sithole, one of the Rhodesian nationalist leaders engaged in the attempt by Mr Ian Smein to reach an internal settle-ment. Dr Owen has invited two other nationalist leaders, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, to meet him in London Page 6 Farmers at ministry: Leaders of Britain's farmers meet officials of

the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food today to discuss 1978 food Finland: A 12-page Special Report which looks at the political and economic development of the country

and its relations with the Soviet

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HOME NEWS.

Firemen's leaders are expected to differ over strike tactics

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

Fire Brigades Union leaders are expected to be divided tomorrow over their next step for pursuing the strike, which enters its fourth week today.

The executive meets to consider moves in the light of Friday's decision by senior TUC leaders to reject the union's request for support in an all-out campaign against the 10 per cent limit on earnings in the

There appears to be no question of tomorrow's meeting even considering the recall of the national delegate conference, which would be needed to call off the strike unless the firemen's 30 per cent claim is

met in full.
Executive members reported at the weekend that disappointment and anger at the TUC decision had not weakened the resolve of the 30,000 firemen on strike.

ment on the formula remains in the firemen's interests.

But some executive members will argue that with firemen committed by the Eastbourne delegate conference to seek an immediate improvement on the 10 per cent offer from November 3 no useful purpose would be served in seeing the employers this week.

Mr Richard Foggie, the union's assistant general secre-tary, said last night: "If anything, the attatude of the TUC finance and general purposes committee has strengthened our members' determination. It does not alter our request to the affiliated unions for support." The response since letters were sent last week has

been encouraging.
The union made clear last night that as a matter of policy it did not oppose employers, such as the Post Office, maintaining firewatching teams on premises during the

men on strike.

However, there will be differences of view on whether to resume talks on Wednesday with the local authority comployers over a future pay formula. The employers' side of the national joint council for the fire service is meeting then and could meer the union afterwards.

Strike. The Post Office announced on Saturday that it had suspended Mr Brian Murphy, who works at a Post Office supply depot in Birmingham, for three days for breaking his contract by telling the press that he and colleagues were being paid overtime for firewatching at night.

afterwards.

Mr Terence Parry, the Liberal leader, suggested on expected to argue that it should continue to explore every opening for talks and that agree negotiate a new pay agreement.

NUS ban on discrimination

Continued from page 1

of Palestinian Students, said: that has the decision and not the executive because that is more representative and more

democratic.
"The Palestinian students hope that circumstances to use such power will never arise, and we must cooperate with all groups to ensure that it does not. We are absolutely opposed to the banning of Jewish socie-

Miss Slipman denied that the fore them.

union was taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut. She said that unions had been changing their policy on Jewish societies at "a rate of knots"

Mr Peter Butterworth, president of the students' union at the School of African and Oriental Studies, said that he did not believe the measures would apply to his union be-cause it would not come into effect until April and he thought that the situation would have been resolved be-

letter on pay angers councils

Local authority leaders will complain today to ministers that their independence as employers is being undermined by government insistence that public sector pay settlements must be referred to Whitehall before they are agreed with unions.

The associations of metro-politan authorities, of county councils and of district councils have sought today's meeting with Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, the senior minister responsible for local government finance.

The associations have responded angrily to a letter disclosed in *The Times* on Friday, which calls on public-sector employers to give 14 notice of any new or amended pay offers.

A meeting of the Local Authority Conditions of Service Advisory Board, which has been called for tomorrow, will hear a report back from today's talks, at which officials and ministers from other depart-ments are also expected.

The associations' representatives are expected to say at today's meeting that, since they entirely accept the Govern-ment's 10 per cent limit on earnings, they should be trusted to reach their own deals.

One senior local authority representative who will be at today's meeting said last night: The Government's attitude rankles when we have gone to such lengths to show to our members that we accept the pay policy and when the councils have to meet directly 40 per cent of the costs of settle-

Press awards

The title of British press photographer of the year in the Midland Bank's press pictures awards has gone to Mr Frank Barrett, of Keystone Press Agency. The runner-up, Mr Peter Trievnor, of Thomson Regional Newspapers, was named regional press photographer of the year for the second

Government Last battle for retiring Whitehall chief

By Peter Hennessy
Sir Douglas Allen is about to
fight one last Whitehall battle
before retiring as Head of the
Home Civil Service at the end
of the month. His aim is to
save the Civil Service Department from dismemberment or

dissolution. It has been under threat since the Commons Expenditure Committee recommended in September that the core of its work, the control of manpower and responsibility for Civil Service efficiency, be returned to the Treasury, whence it came in 1968 when the department was founded in the wake of the Pulton report.

Sir Douglas won the first round last week with the appointment of Sir Ian Bancroft as Permanent Secretary to the department and Head of the Home Civil Service. The Prime Minister had toyed with the idea of abolishing the post and giving responsibility for senior appointments to the most

experienced permanent secre-tary of the day.

Another possibility con-sidered by Mr Callaghan was leaving Sir John Herbecq, leaving Sir John Herbecq, Second Permanent Secretary to the department, in charge temporarily while ministers pon-

dered the ultimate fate of the department. Sir lan's appointment, therefore, raised its chance of survival significantly. Mr Callaghan has made clear that the reply to the Expenditure Committee, in the form of a White Paper in January, will be very much his own, although he will seek advice widely. The elevation of Sir Ian should not, therefore, be taken as precluding fundamental change, but anything substantial is thought unlikely until after a general

The Prime Minister has yet to appoint a Cabinet commit-tee to consider the Expenditure Committee's recommendations. A group of permanent secre-taries chaired by Sir Donglas Allen is almost ready, however. first draft of a reply.'
In line with Whitehall tradi-

election

tion, they have not tried to preempt the prime ministerial prerogative on changes in the machinery of government. They have offered instead a number of options for the future structure of cents They include: central government.

Maintaining the status quo.
 Removing responsibility for manpower and efficiency from the department to the Treasury.

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3: Combining the public expendi-ture divisions of the Treasury with the manpower divisions of the de-partment to form a new depart-ment of management and budget. 4: Improving Treasury-CSD rela-tionships on manpower and money while leaving departmental boun-daries intact.

Sir Douglas Allen is under-

By Our Political Reporter

Civil aviation will be thrown into confusion if the Scotland Bill on devolution passes unaltered through Parliament, Mr Dell, Secretary of State for

Trade, is warned today.

The criticism comes from

the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, which

opposes the Scottish executive's being empowered to license airfields and aircraft. It

have tabled amendments to

meet the association's com-plaints, but it is doubtful

whether they will be called under the guillotine procedure.

A National Opinion Poll survey, published in the Scottish

Sunday Mail yesterday, showed that 70 per cent of Scots want to stay British and a quarter want complete independence.

Only 57 per cent are commitred to the assembly plans, with 28 per cent against. However,

the poll indicated that if there is an assembly the Scottish

National Party will get the big-gest share of the vote.

Tomorrow and Wednesday will be spent on the committee

stage of the Bill, resuming on large 22 on transferring the exercise or pagers on subor-

exercise or powers on subor-dinate instruments from West-minster or which all to E. E.

expect that there will be time to debate clause 32, on remuneration of assembly members and the Scottish

backbenchers

intentions.

Conservative

Concern at 'threat' to civil

aviation in Scotland Bill

behind the fourth option. He has devoted much effort this year to rightening up CSD-Treasury cooperation, and that has already led to a monthly meeting at deputy secretary level to ensure that Civil Service staff levels are in line with the Government's general economic objectives. The Treasury is represented by Mr Gordon Downey, the Civil Service Department by Mr Richard Wild-

Sir Douglas believes the imperus given to career planning by the Fulton report would be undone if the department that enshrined the new emphasis on personnel management was wound up. He will probably emphasize the amagonism such a move would arouse among the staff associations, already in-flamed by pay and allied con-

He has always argued that the most important function of the Head of the Home Civil Service is to make top appointments in Whitehall, in his view a more time-consuming task than many have imagined. For that reason he was very concerned that the headship should remain separate office.

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argument over devolution, the

power and relation between regional and central govern-ment, are due for debate this

Chause 35 concerns power to make changes in law conse-quential on Scottish assembly

Acts, including the exproval of a draft order by both Houses

Clause 36, known as the override" clause, would

"override" clause, would empower the Secretary of

instruments. The former clause is to safeguard EEC obliga-

cover industrial and economic guidelines; the Secretary of

State's powers through the Scottish Development Agency and the Highlands and Islands

Development Board; consider-

ations of national pay policy:

Other sections of the Bill

State to lay a Bill before

in Parliament.

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IRA chief in court

From Christopher Walker

The rearrest on Saturday of Seamus Twomey, the former Belfast bookmaker who has been chief of staff of the Pruvisional IRA since 1974, is seen by the British Army as a blow for the movement at a time of operational and organizational

difficulties Last night Mr Twomey was being questioned at Portlaoise, Irish Republic's top security prison 50 miles from the capital. He is expected to appear in court this week. In October, 1973, he escaped from Mountjoy prison in a hijacked helicopter after serving only a few weeks of a threeyear sentence for IRA member-

ship and receiving stolen The capture of Ulster's most wanted man near the centre of Dublin represented a success for the new Fishna Fail Ad-

for the new Fisuna Fail Administration.

As British Army intelligence officers met yesterday to assess the implications of Mr Twomey's removal from the IRA's leadership, it was being suggested that the move might weaken the hand of the hawks", who oppose renewed emphasis on the IRA's political rather than military role.

From October, 1971, when Mr Twomey took over as commander of the Provisionals'

Mr Twomey took over as commander of the Provisionals Belfast brigade, he has epitomized the old-style IRA man, strongly anti-British, committed to violence and uninterested in politics.

Policeman killed: Police Constable Frank Robinson, aged 26, and Police constable Strate Combar. of Railway Street, Comber, a member of Ulster's special patrol group, died yesterday after accidentally shooting him-

self (the Press Association reports).

liament with a statement that in his opinion it ought not to be submitted to the Queen in Council, if the assembly's Bill would not be in the public in-Jaundice warning to women on pill Clause 37 gives the Secretary of State power to prevent or require action and clause 38 power to revoke subordinate

ceptive pill were advised yesterday to inform their doctors of the fact if they caught infective hepatitis. Twelve new jaundice cases have been detected among women in one month in Newark-on-Trem, Notinghamshire.

Professor John Mills, Pro-fessor of Physiology at Man-

execute of romers on subordinate instruments from Westconsultants' opposition: Scotminster or Whitehold and Fire opposition opposition
The Conservatives do not devolved health services for
expect that there will be time
Scotland (the Press Association reports). They said standards and availability of health care should be the same throughout the United Kingdom.

Snowdonia fatality

chester University, was killed in a climbing accident in Snow-donia on Saturday. He fell 400ft and conditions of service of doctors, dentists, pharmacists, opticians and health authority while walking with two com-panions on Crib Goch.

Nurse murdered Miss Agnes Cooney, aged 23,

a nurse, of Merrystone Court, Coatbridge, Strathclyde, was found stabbed to death on moorland near Snipe Lane,

More police on beat in bid to stop race attacks

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

West Midlands police said yesterday that they were re-sponding to the growing criminal violence of about 200 West Indian youths in the Handsworth area of Birmingham by increasing the number of men on the best.

A social report had maintained that the young people, mostly unemployed, living in derelict "squats" and known locally as the "dreads", had been mainly responsible for more than 5,000 crimes in the area in the past year. Many were assaults on white, middleaged and elderly people, usually after dark, for robbery. A recent manifestation was violence by girl members of the gang against elderly white women. So far 35 officers have been injured, often during raids on "squars" when offensive

weapons, including boiling water, have been used to repel Mr Philip Knights, the chief

constable, and his senior offi-cers have decided to reduce the beat areas in size

It was said yesterday that the force's C division was about a fifth under strength, and the new men, all experienced officers but in no way "a team of hard men", would is asking Mr Dell to remove the Civil Aviation Authority from the Bill or clarify his start work this week. The aim was to get even closer liaison between beat, panda car and CID officers. An officer said: "There is

no question of a softly, softly approach in this case, and it is hoped that the extra officers will have a deterrent effect. But what we are doing is only part of the answer. There has to be a combined effort between the social agencies."
Discrimination alleged, page 4

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MP renews plea over mobility allowance

By Craig Seton
Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, has renewed his criticism of the Department of Health and Social Security for its handling of an appeal that, if successful, is likely to deprive many mentally handicapped children of a chance to receive the mobility allowance.

The rules state that the applicant should be unable or vir-tually unable to walk because of severe physical disablement. department has decided to deny the allowance to Robert Edmunds, aged 12, a Worcester

boy with Down's Syndrome, and to make the issue a test case. Robert Edmunds has a mental age of two. His parents, Mr and Mrs Ernest Edmunds, say that he will walk for only a few yards before refusing to go on. was awarded the allowance in January after an initial rejection. In May the department was denied leave to appeal but permission was granted in

In its appeal the department is submitting that "a person who is physically able to walk but does not make effective use of his walking ability, or uses it in a bizarre or dangerous

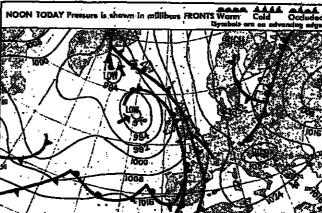
manner because of mental limit-ation or disorder, cannot be said to be unable or virtually unable to walk".

If the department succeeds, Mr Walker wants amending legislation introduced in the Commons so that mentally handicapped people who cannot walk are treated like those with a physical handicap that pre-vents walking.

A paediatrician at a leading

London teaching hospital yesterday supported Mr Walker and criticized the department for attempting to draw the mobility allowance rules too finely.

Weather forecast and recordings



New Moon: December 10.

Lighting up: 4.23 pm to 7.20 am.

Bigh water: London Bridge, 7.31

am, 6.0m (19.7ft); 8.26 pm, 6.1m
(20.1ft). Avonmouth, 12.51 am.
(10.2m (33.3ft); 1.20 pm, 10.4m
(34.1ft). Dover, 5.18 am, 5.6m
(18.4ft); 6.4pm, 5.5m (18.1ft).

Hull, 12.57 pm, 5.8m (19.2ft).

Liverpool, 5.39 am, 7.5m (24.5ft);
6.0 pm, 7.7m (25.4ft).

A SE airstream covers the ritish Isles, with weak troughs loving across W and central

London, SE, E, central N with some W; rather normal in Sea par sind SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 5° to 6°C (41° to 43°F). Central S, NW England, W Midslands: Mainly dry, rather cloudy; wind SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 5° to 7°C (41° to 45°F). Sea yery—SW-England, Weles, Channel moderate,

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Maidly dry, rather cloudy; bright intervals in places, wind SE, fresh

Mately dry, rather cloudy; bright intervals in places, wind SE, fresh or strong; max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

NE England, Borders. Edinburgh, Dundee, NB Scotland, Orkney, Shediand: Rather cloudy but mainly dry, bill fog patches; wind SE, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind SE, fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

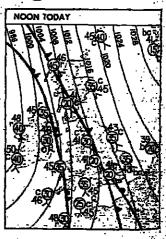
Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Mostly rather cloudy with some rain, chiefly in S and W; rather cold in E; temp near normal in W.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E):: Wind SE, strong to gale: sea very rough.

St George's Channel: Wind SE, strong in gale, veering S, fresh; sea very-rough, decreasing to moderate.

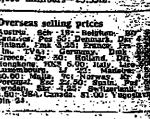
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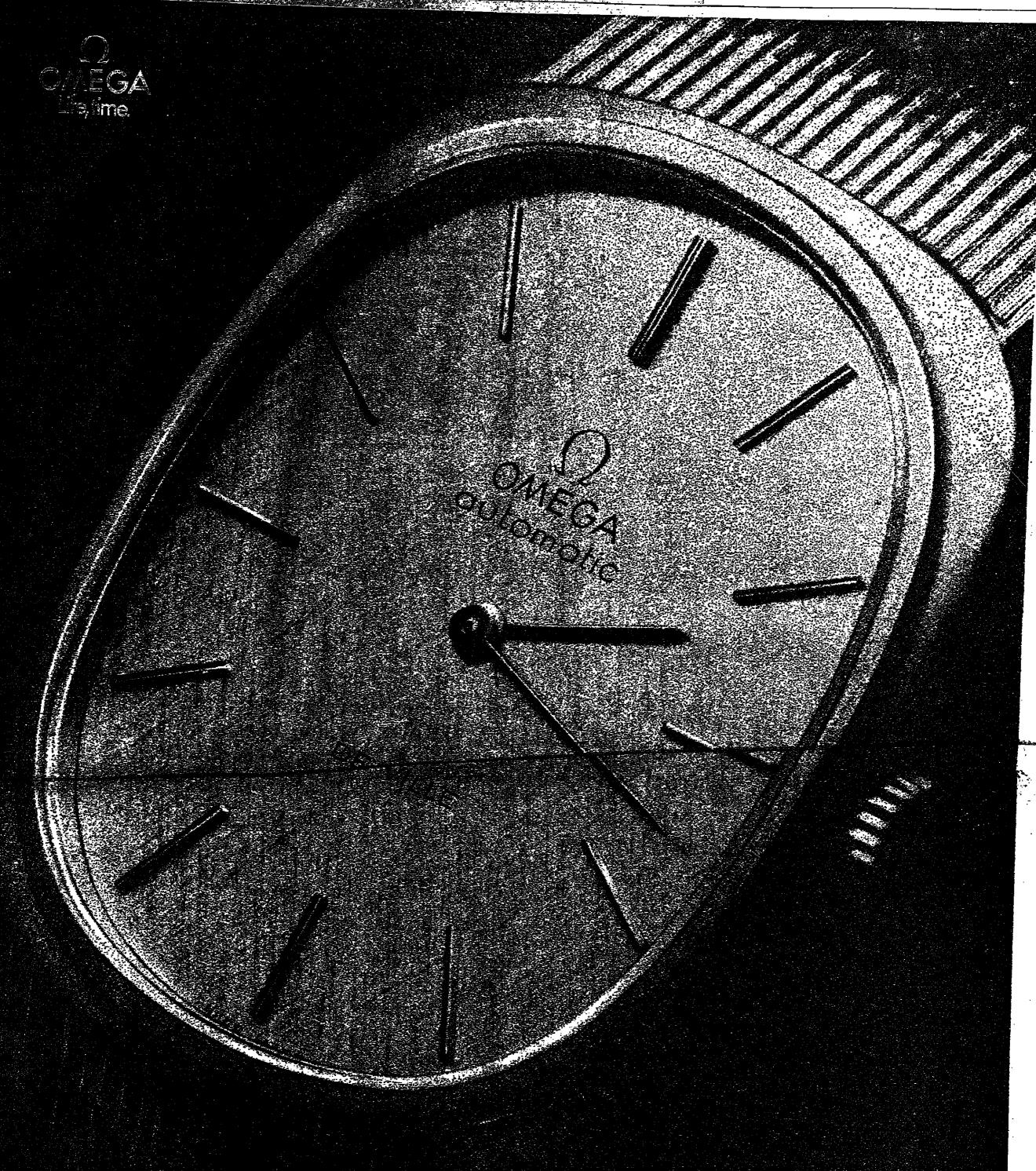




London: Temp: max 6 am pm. 5°C (41°F): min 6 pm am, 1°C (34°F). Humidip pm, 71 per cent. Rain, Z4br pm, nil. Sun, Z4br to 6 pm, 2 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1;

Yesterday





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ality O at S

I looked across the table at her.

She had turned to say something to the waiter.

A shaft of light from the open doorway momentarily played across her hair.

I consulted my Omega, for I am a precise man.

At two eighteen on a Friday afternoon, I, Edwin Miller, middle-aged bachelor, was falling in love for the very first time.

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Discrimination behind liberal cloak, study of immigrants alleges

against immigrants are continuing behind a cloak of
liberal legistation, according to
a report published yesterday
by Birmingham Community De-

conjunction with local authorities to tackje the causes of urban deprivation.

grants are becoming disillu-sioned. The Labour Govern-ment is no longer seen to have

That disillusionment had been reflected in the Stechford by-election earlier this year, when extreme left-wing candi-dates campaigning on a strong anti-racialist ticket took a large part of the Asian vote.

This protest vote can grow only as long as discriminatory only as mag as machined a practices continue behind a cloak of liberal legislation, while aneagonism and mistrust are bound to accumulate. This the price the state is going to the price the state is going to have in pay for hanging on to the threadbare notion of the Commonwealth and for court-ing the interests of industry too exclusively for too long."

Over the past few years administrative devices had begun to restrict the process of settlement for families.

Vives and children with a legal right to enter Britain faced endless difficulties in obtaining entry clearance. Men wanting to register as United Kingdom citizens found president and vious absences abroad were losing them that right. Women were denied citizenship on the ground that their marriages

were not genuine.
Those whose families were

required Revenue. That in turn affected practices a family's chances of getting

by Birmingham Community Development Project at the end of five years' work in the inner-city area of Saltley.

The project was one of 12 set up by the Home Office in conjunction with local authorities. They are invisible and highly responsive to a changing political climate, and when discretionary powers are given discretionary powers are given to officers who reflect the ide-ology and prejudices of the in-In one of several reports the ology and prejudices of the in-research team says: "Immi-stitutions in which they work,

ment is no longer seen to have a commitment to developing immigration and race relations policies which protect the interests of immigrants, and local Labour representatives appear to have no influence."

That distillusionment had been reflected in the State has a shotished the rights of people who were in the process of settling here.

cess of settling here.

"In this way it has succeeded to some extent in backpedalling on some of its problems which resulted from the transition from a free labour market to a contract migrant labour system. It has done this labour system. It das done this without affronting liberal public opinion because it has relied mainly on discreet discretionary practice."

Another repoert said: * Our understanding of inner city industrial decline identifies it as an essential part of present economic development rather economic development rather than as an aberration. Indeed, it could be argued that if British industry is to rebuild itself on a profitable basis then inner city decline must acce-

"Such an approach has at "Such an approach has at least the advantages of consistency and it does not pretend that significant changes are possible on the basis of minor shifts in resources or planning policies. Recently it has become fashionable again to could for those."

call for these."

One striking fact about inner area difficulties was that no one seemed to talk of the reason for their existence and no still abroad often could not get one seemed to admit that the tax relief or child benefit proposals pur forward for solv-because they could not meet ing them would make very the standard of documentation little difference.

London's commercial art galleries, I: Customers prefer works from the past

Big money for Old Masters comes mainly from abroad

It is at first sight puzzling that London, capital of a nation that some people regard as largely indifferent to the fine arts, should boast some 220 commercial art galleries, many of them doing very big business indeed. The answer to the riddle is painfully simple: all the bigger galleries export between 50 and 95 per cent of their

Mr Gilbert Lloyd, managing director of Marlborough Fine Art, said. "The more expensive the stuff is, the less likely it is to be sold in this country After talking to some two dozen London dealers, mainly in the West End, one gets the overriding impression that the big money is in Old Masters, a term heartily disliked by several dealers, rather than in contemporary painting, more glamorous though the world of private views and one-man

private views and one-man shows may seem.

Broadly speaking, selling Old Masters involves higher values and lower essential costs, though in fact the most successful galleries tend to be expensively situated, staffed and appointed.

appointed.

The big three in the Old Master field are Thomas Agnew and Sons, P. & D. Colnaghi, both of Old Bond Street, and a relative newcomer, Richard Green, of Dover Street. Each has an annual turnover of between £2m and £4m,

"turnover" meaning the value of pictures sold from stock and proceeds from buying and sell-ing on commission, but not the overall value of pictures bought or sold on commission, where the picture is not owned by the gallery.

The least known of this pros-

perous trinity is Mr Green, who left school at 15 to go into the art business and started on his own at 18. His company has been in existence for about 20 been in existence for about 20 years, but five years ago he sold half of it in Samuel Montagu, the merchant bankers.

More precisely, Samuel Montagu, now part of the Midland Bank, has shares in Montagu Fine Art, which owns half of Richard Green, who in turn owns a fifth of Montagu Fine Art.

Mr Green said he wanted to

Mr Green said he wanted to Mr Green said he wanted to realize some capital at the time, and it seemd a good deal. "But we get our finance from the usual place, the joint stock banks. We are not as financed as people think", he told me.

The secret of Green's success lies in selling very obviously



Mr Richard Green in his gallery with a still-life by Louise Moillon.

pictures of good quality to rich Germans, Durch, Belgians, Americans, Japanese and some Britons.

The most appealing works are

mainly by seventeenth to nine-teenth-century Dutch and Flemish painters, such as flower pieces, still-lifes and seascanes by Van Goyen, Storck and Hon-decoeter, by eighteenth and nineteenth-century English painters, including some fine sporting pictures, and good Victorian work.
"It is quite rare for a lot

of money to go with great taste", Mr William Byfield, his Most of the firm's buying is in the sale rooms, sometimes sharing the capital outlay, "joint account dealing", with other dealers, a common pracother dealers, a common prac-tice not connected with the notorious "rings" of past years. The proportion of sales for export is about 60 per cent; having increased with the im-poverishment of Britain, Mr

Green said. British chients are a cross-section of landed gentry, industrialists and the man in the street.

Banking is also in evidence

at Colnaghi's, which was brught by Mr Jacob Rothschild, son of Lord Rothschild, some son of Lord Rothschild, some six years ago, after being run since the nineteenth century in a rather scholarly fashion by three families, Mayer, Byan-Shaw and Basket.

"Mr Rothschild plays quite an active part", Mr Richard Heaver, who runs it, said.

Colonghi's deals in European pointings from the fourteenth to the early twentieth century, prints, drawings and

century, prims, drawings and sculptures, and has had an Oriental department for three years. Mr Paul Mellon, the called when I was there. "Maybe three-quarters of our business is with museums, mainly foreign, but we sell quite a lot to British museums", Mr Herner said.

"With museums you tend not to get the pictures back. With a private client you sometimes handle it three times." The theme was echoed across the road by Sir Geoffrey

Agnew, chairman of the family firm, which goes back six generations father to son; no banks are involved. "For the really top things, there is more than ever a great deal of competition", he said. "But there is a shrinkage. Stuff goes into museums, and museums do not die." Sir Geoffrey reckons he sells about 40 per cent of purpoyer in

40 per cent of turnover in Britain, of which 30 per cent probably goes to museums.

Dealing, he said, is a highly personal business. "Bankers feel there should be a ready flow of ascertainable profits. It does not work like that." He and his partners do much travelling, and German, Dutch, Canadian Australian and Scan-Canadian, Australian and Scan-dinavian museums are among

Leggatt's, of St James's Street, is another family firm that has staved off the advances of the banks, preferring vances of the banks, preterring overdraft facilities with the Clydesdale Bank. "I do not want to have my tail wagged by a banker", Mr Hugh Leggatt said. He has a knack of finding hugely rich, but respectable and discreet, private collectors, like the Wills family.

But the days when British But the days when British aristocrats, newly rich manufacturers and bankers predominated among his clients are over. Now they are more likely to be museums, or Americans, Swiss or Nigerians, who have excellent taste, he said.

An incorrigible campaigner and writer of letters to newspapers, he wishes more British solicitors knew the capital solicitors knew the capital transfer tax advantages of buying pictures deemed to be heritage object.

Next: The contemporary scene

Smithfield euphoria hides farmers' price struggle

Final preparations 101
physical Smithfield Show yesterphysical description of the second momentarily
fitish livestock farmers Aftish livestock farmers' struggle to escape from the constraint of the Government's cheap food policy. While exhibitors groomed their beasts to a perfection never glimpsed outside the show ring, leaders of farming unions prepared for today's meeting at the Ministry Agriculture, Fisheries and Food about prices for next year.

The Smithfield organizers' announcement that the number animals exhibited is higher than last year masked the fact that there are fewer beasts in the country now than at the lucrative parts of the EEC.

Farmers are caught between competing pressures from which forces, can release them. On one side they want to enjoy the fruits of EEC membership and cover their increased costs by winning higher prices. On the other the Government wants to preserve its wages policy by making sure shoppers do not have to pay higher prices.

The key to the dilemma is the use of the "green pound", the device by which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling. Its value has been held while that of the pound sterling has fallen. Farmers, therefore, receive much less from EEC

The gap between the " green nound" and the exchange rate is now 29 per cent. If it was closed, food prices would rise by more than 5 per cent. But the "green pound" is

Albery Theatre, London, is the cramped but not inappropriate base for an organization that, given enough support, might provide a lifeline for the ailing British theatre.

In it Mr Vincent Burke, formerly an official of Equity,

the actors' union, now secretary

with a part-time secretary pend-ing a move to permanent offices in St Martin's Court, near by.

Such is Mr Burlie's commit-

ment to the cause that he will

continue to serve as hoapparv

secretary in the new year when

he takes up a post with the Society of West End Theatre.

The trust came into being last

of theatres for the henefit of the nation". It had no money,

no staff and no offices, but its

trustees include Lord Goodman

as chairman, Mr Hugh Jonkins,

MP, the former minister with

responsibilities for the arts, as deputy chairman. Lord Delfont,

Mr David Crouch, MP, whose private member's Bill started the trust. Sir Harold Wilson,

Mr Ian Albery, and Mr Evelya

They met first in July and eight times since; the pressure

on them is intense because of threats appounced to many

provincial theatres.

The trust needs money. It

has the balance of £5.000 ruised for it by the Save Lon-

dan's Theatres Campaign, and

that will last until next spring.

for the better protection

the Treatres Frust, works

The effect of EEC farm policy in_the accon

Price rises due in 1978 (per lb) Danish bacon 11p Danish baned bam 22p W German beef 21p Irish Rep beef 13p *Approx result of wheat price

changes on a large, sliced,

only one of three EEC factors that will force British food that will force British food prices up. Another will be increased farm support prices to be decided in Brussels early next year. And the third, and most immediate, is the end of leen run down in the cut-price British market or sold in more lucrative parts of the EEC on New Year's Eve. That will lead next year to the rises shown in the accompanying

> British use of the "green pound" means farm prices British use of the green pound? means farm prices here are lower than in other EEC countries. That in nurn means food imports from Community farmers to Britain must be subsidized down to British levels at Community expense. In some cases they are subsidized so much that domestic prices are undercut. Imports are thus attracted and home production is discouraged. The National Federation of Meat Traders, which represents butchers, reported at Smithfield vesterday that imports of beef from other EEC countries in the first eight months of this year were half months of this year were nate as high again as in the comparable period of last year. Purchases from the Irish Republic were doubled. The National Farmers' Union described all such imports as legalized dumping".

Trust strives to save Britain's dying theatres

'Our endeavour". he says.

" has been to alter the planning

laws to make it more difficult for owners of theatres to redevelop or dispose of them

for more profitable purposes. We lobbied the Department of

the Environment, but they pointed out that what we wanted to do would amount to

revolutionizing the planning

It was clear that a Bill on

government antagonism. The rrust decided to pursue the "beneficent owner" concept through a body that would be

a kind of pational trust for

" It has therefore always been

fundamental to the whole con-copt of the trust". Mr Burke says, "that it could intervene

in a positive way to save a

theatre by acquisition or con-

tributing to its purchase by

someone or some organization

willing to preserve it for live

quired by law to consult the trust over applications to re-

develop any rheatre or the land

on which it stands. So far there have been 10 such occa-

sions. Of necessity the trust has adopted its primary role.

advising authorities about

The principal cases are the

All local authorities are re-

lines would invite

legislation."

the theatre.

entertainment."

Dressing room 32 at the Albert Theatre, London, is the cramped but not inappropriate base for an organization that,

Children's charity to benefit Strike over

By Our Arts Reporter

The first of four charities benefit, because they will be that will benefit from extra able to afford more time.

Oxfam have a total advertispard's play, Dirty Linen, at the pard's play, Dirty Linen, at the numbers of applications received since the theatre announced the scheme last

"Make Children Happy", which campaigns for children in need in Britain, with emphasis on out-of-school play and recreational facilities, will benefit from a performance tomorrow at 10.45 pm.

Charities are unanimous about the value of the scheme and are queuing to be chosen for one of the next three extra performances. But there will be mixed feelings among them about the desirability of advertising for funds on television. An announcement last week from the Independent Broadcasting Authority said a working party had been set up to examine the rules to see whether charities should be allowed greater freedom advertise on commercial televipresent except for specific notices of flag days, fetes or other events.

Easy payments

In reply to a complaint by the National Consumer Council, British Gas says that it is allow-ing 70,000 customers to pay off their bills by easy instalments.

Criterion in London; also the

Royalty, Ambassadors and Play-

house, where minor works were

carried out; the Theatre Royal,

Winchester: the Playhouse, at

Harlow; and at present, the Lyceum, Sheffield.

Must authorities have been

cordial and cooperative. The Criterion provides a good ex-ample. In the past there has

been bitterness between the theatrical profession, the devel-opers and officers of Westmin-

opers and officers of westiminster City Council. Several meetings discussed the latest proposals (much modified by the developers after the trust's

comments) and the council has the matter in hand.

has been approached for help

in local efforts to reopen

theatres in places such as Mar-

gate. Winchester, Plymouth.

its work are being explored. One is the National Land Fund,

inner cities.

The trust is still in its in-

fancy: the theatre may be in its death throes. "We have been auxious to move cautiously", Mr Burke says. The two testing erounds of its effectiveness are

likely to be Liverpool and

The Palace at Plymouth,

Two sources of finance for

Liverpool and Boston

On a broader base, the trust

The smaller charities feel

Arts Theatre, in London, has planned this year to advertise been selected from large on commercial relevision for on commercial reservation for the first time this Christmas, spending £25,000 on Southern to publicize their shops in the area. But a representative said

they were also committed to other projects.

Oxfam and 200 other charities have been sent question-naires and background information by the IBA asking for their comments on the main issues of advertising; replies from them and any other inthe middle of January.

The nules, governed by the IBA Code and the IBA Act, 1973, have been in force since

1973, have been in rorce suita 1954. It is forbidded, for exam-ple, for any charity to adver-use whose objects are wholly or mainly of a religious or political nature". The working party, expected report next

depending on the amount evidence it receives, will be made up of representative from commercial relevision and radio, with Mr A. W. Pragneil, deputy director-general of the IBA, as chairman.

£22,500 for hospitals

More than 800 hospitals will share about \$22,500 in this year's Hospital Saving Association Charinable Trust's Christ-

disused for some years, has strong local support, but a

move to reopen it, supported by the Arts Council, met diffi-culty when the city council

announced plans for a new £5m

Given the council's commit-

ment to that scheme, the Arts Council could not offer help to

Through the trust's interven-tion, discussions are to open

soca in support of the Palace supporters' view that although

a new theatre was to be wel-

comed, encouragement for the existing threatre should remain,

appears the most contentious issue. It was closed by Howard and Wyndham's 18 months ago: a plan announced for its

reopening with a mixed pro-gramme never materialized.

One reason was that the owners of the city's larger

theatre, the Empire, announced

tours. The Arts Council canon

support both; and a formal application has been lodged to

turn the Court into a bingo

city council to reject the appli-cation to promote urgent dis-

cussions to get the Court

Now the trust has urged the

that it, too, was to close.

One is the National Land Fund, little known and little used, but possessing £18m, and under investigation by a parliamentary committee. The other is the Department of the Environment's fund for regenerating funer cities.

The inc, was to close. The inc, was to close. The Empire could house opera and ballet tours, and but the saving it seemed the better option. However, the Royal Court can take smaller companies such as the D'Oyly funer cities.

The Royal Court at Liverpool

efforts to reopen the Palace.

staffing halts **Ubserver**

By a Staff Reporter

The Observer failed to appear
yesterday, its 186th anniversary,
because 22 machine managers walked out in defiance of in-structions from their union, the The loss to the newspaper is

It is understood that the men, who look after the machines while the newspaper is being printed, want more staff. Their numbers, like those of other union branches at The Observer, were reduced in 1975, from 29 to 25.

The dispute has been rum-bling on for most of the past year. The Newspapers Pub-lishers Association and the union have tried to resolve it, with no success.

The men withdrew their claim from the official negotiating

machinery, then put it forward again to management. Their union officials instructed them to work normally. However, on Saturday night they voted to leave the building. The machine managers have been seeking either five more

been seeking either five more men or demanding that three overseems who look after the waste and control quality should move on to working the machines. On Saturday they refused to start work until the overseens were provided.

The management argues that the 1975 redundancy agreement, which was formulated in conjunction with the NGA, is binding and that to more men are ing and that no more men are

peeded.
The machine managers earn 150 for working one night a week from 4 pm until the early hours of the morning.

Railwaymen hit Two railway gangers were

injured yesterday when they were hit by a track-laying wagon at Aldershot station, Hampshire. They were Mr Sidney Edmunds, aged 60, of Woking, Surrey, and Mr Harold Appleton, aged 63, of Alton, Hampshire.

Future of wool workers' houses to be decided

The future of an early and

teenth and early eighteenth centuries for employees of the local wool mills. With a decand decelics.

Council plans to acquire and from conservation groups, in cluding the Ancient Monn-

Partners, a Bristol firm historically important group of October. It came down emphaindustrial workers' houses at tically in favour of conservation, observing that the area be resolved at a meeting of was "potentially delightful and mendip District Council's housing committee today.

The 143 houses, in what is known as the Trinity area. "Rehabilitation makes good were built' in the late seven-

economic sense", it stated. "If repaired fairly quickly, the houses will probably last longer than most houses built line in the town's prosperity since the war, and the work the district became increaseingly neglected and more than the cost of building half the houses are now empty equivalent new housing." In hoping the Department of

the Environment would make redevelop the entire area were funds available for restoration, confirmed at a public inquiry the report expressed surprise in 1973. But after protests that so few of the buildings the report expressed surprise that so few of the buildings had been listed. "We consider shat a good case can be made cluding the Ancient Monoments Society and the Council for listing all, or nearly all, for the Protection of Rural the surviving houses", it said.

England (CPRE), who insisted Mrs Robin Lewis, secretary that the buildings were of national significance, the council agreed to reconsider

A report was commissioned it has not been made widely available.

Suzuki violin course approved for schools

By Kenneth Gosling
A five-year investigation into
the Suzuki method of teaching
children the violin has shown that with modifications to meet English conditions, application of the base principles would

be beneficial in schools.

The study was carried out by the Rural Music Schools Association with a joint grant from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation datio n and the Leverhulme Trust Fund, and with the co-operation of the Hernfordshire

Education Authority.

The method was founded by Mr Shinichi Suzuki in Japan before the Second World War. He found that small children could develop their abilities far beyond what could have

been expected. Sound 500.000 children in the United States learn by his method and its application has been extended to teaching the piano, cello and flute. Children are taught to learn by ear at first and first and parents are encouraged to learn with them. The associations sought to find whether a method con-ceived for Japanese children could be transferred to the English social and educational

one of the findings of the investigation is that there are deficiencies in the present training of teachers The results of the four years of teaching in 30 Herrfordshire schools studied showed that

schools studied showed that some promising players were produced; the first groups of Suzuki pupils were entering junior orchestras and were proving easier to deal with than most others; and they could play the violin even if their sight-reading was weaker. The report says the method The report says the memod brings a salutary reminder of the need for thoroughness, an early start, planned steps, self-discipline in teacher and child, and the whole-hearted support and cooperation of the parents.

It concludes: "Modifications must be made to the scheme for successful use in schools in must be made to the schools in for successful use in schools in this country. They would in-clude a later start, a less rigid approach, earlier theory and reading of music."

The Suzuki Investigation in

The Surak Intestigation in Hertfordshire (Bedford Square Press, National Council of Social Services, 26, Bedford Square, London, WC1B, 3HU).

Wordsworth's village must raise £80,000 From Our Correspondent

Grasmere
The people of Grasmere.
Wordsworth's village, who are
wordsworth's village, who are
the central Rodiav Hotel site, next to the churchyard in which the poet is buried, have been rold by the company that they must make a payment of £45,000 in the next few days.

At the same time, to estabdevelopers, William Leech (Builders) Ltd, of Newcastle upon Tyne, have moved into the village and say that work on preparing the site for holi-Grasmere Village Society has / raised £25,000 through public appeal and vesterday the secre-tary, Mrs Elizabeth Braithwaite, said: "We are determined to fight on We appeal to people everywhere who are interested to preserving the beauty of the village and the Lake District to send us their contributions so that we can quickly make up 🗻

the amount."

The builders have to start work before December 12 to establish their right to imple-

26 infants in jail with mothers

Twenty-six children were in prison with their mothers in Answers in England and Wales on November 17. Of these, 24 were under the age of one year and the two

the age of one year and the two remaining were under two years of age.

Eighteen of those children were born during the mother's period in custody and the eight remaining accompanied their mothers into custody.

There were 27 pregnant women in prison on November 17.

17.

Home Office, November 24.
School examination passes: The proportion of school-leavers in 1975-76 with five or more 0 level grades A to C or CSE Grade 1, and three or more A level passes, expressed as a percentage of the relevant age groups, was 22.4 and 8.3 respectively,

Education, November 28.
Naval manning: The total number

Parliament | A periodic digest of informa-tion given in parliamentary written replies with the sources and dates on which they appeared in Hansard.

on sea service on September 30 was: Royal Navy, 26,047 (40.6 pc of total): Royal Marines, 344 (4.5 pc of total): Royal Marines, 344 (4.5 pc of total): November 28. Personal incomes: Take-home pay for a married man with two children under 11, and average earnings for a full-time manual worker, were: March, 1974, 260.56 a week; October, 1974, 255.95—all expressed in September, 1977, waites. on sea service on September 30

values. Treasury, November 24.

Income Tax: The percentage of income paid in income tax and employees national insurance contributions by a single man and by a married man with two children under 11, each with average earnings, was 1945-46, 24-6 and 6.0 respectively; 1950-51, 14-2 and 3.7; 1955-56, 15-7 and 3.3; 1960-61, 18.5 and 6.6; 1965-66. 24.3 and 11.3; 1970-71, 28.7 and 19.8; 1977-78 31.3 and 22.7.

Treasury. Nov 24 Treasury, Nov 24

National Finance: Total Government revenue from all taxes a head was: 1950, 577: 1955, E97: 1960, £116: 1965, £166: 1970. £286: 1976, £632. Treasury, Nov 22

Output: Output per employed per-son in the United Kingdom at constant prices (1970=100). was: 1948, 61.2; 1958, 72.5; 1960, 78.4; 1965, 87.6; 1970, 100; 1972, 105.5; 1973, 109.2; 1975, 107; and 1976,

09. Employment, Nov 24

Delay in official secrets reform criticized Franks committee report, and promises from Mr Heath, Mr become organized. "You are wilson and Mr Metlyn Rees. Despite all these thoises from political leaders, reform is almost as far away today as it system", Mr Litterick said. Miss Patricia Hewitt, general

By Annabel Ferriman The Government has been criticized for failing to reform or repeal the Official Secrets Act by Mr Jonathan Aitken, political Conservative MP for Thanet, almost as East, and Mr Tom Litterick, Labour MP for Birmingham, Mr Litte Solly Oct. Selly Oak.

They were speaking at a conference on Saturday called than for the Offici by the National Council for Act to be reformed. Civil Liberties and the National
Union of Journalists to launch
a campaign for fundamental reunarginal reform can be grafted form of the Act and the introduction of a freedom of infor-mation Bill. A White Paper suggesting amendments to the Act is expected from the Gov-ernment in March or April. Mr Aitken said: "Seven Mr Aitken said: "Seven years ago I found myself in the-dock at the Old Bailey facing charges under section two of the Official Secrets Act. Luckity, I was accuitted." The judge had remarked that section two

might be considered redundant.

Since then we have had the

on to fite present system to pro-duce a revolutionary change", he said. dom of information Act and had produced a private mem-

> a progressive policy on infor-In general rule should ne If the NCCL wanted to open government, except inchange the law, it would have cases when it interfered with to join with other groups, in personal privacy.

Mr. Litterick counselled the NCCL to campaign for a new Act to be introduced, rather secretary of the NCCL, said that the Government was com-mitted to reform along the lines than for the Official Secrets recommended by the Franks committee. That suggested the repeal of section two of the Official Secrets Act and its replacement with an official information

Act, which would provide sanc tions against unauthorized dis-He was in favour of a freeclosure of a more limited range of government information.
Miss Hewitt said that was not ber's Bill on the subject last enough and might make matters year, but it had been rejected by the Government. The Labour worse. What was needed was a freedom of information Act and the abolition of the Official Sec-Party's national executive had rets Act.

The general rule should be

Rate-rise feared because of grant reduction

By a Staff Reporter

Many local authorities will have to put up their rates he cause they will be getting less money from central government through the rate support grant, the Association of County Councils says. cils says.
It maintains in a statement

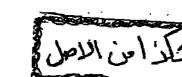
It maintains in a statement published today that the Government's recent figures seriously underestimate the losses to be borne by county councils and many authorities pusside London.

"Our figures show clearly that most county councils may not be able to keep their rate figes within single figures, as suggested by the Government for the country as a whole? Mrs Elirabeth Coker, chairman of the association, said.

Counties might well have 10 and consider further spending cut

consider further spending cuts as well as increasing rates, she





a find ordered the state

Señor Suárez consolidates his support

heard.

Refusal of British and Irish to pay large increases sets scene for undignified EEC budget dispute

An undignified and mercenary wrangle over how much individual members should pay into the EEC Budget next year, and, how much they should get back in grants from

and the Irish to accept in full the very sharp real increases in their budgetary contribu-tions in 1978 and 1979, which would arise from the planned switch next year to a new unit of account for calculating the

mated gross contribution this year of about £700m would almost double in 1978 to about £1,380m if the full implications of the new unit of account ment on an ing

the 1979 contribution as well. The disparity arises because

the disparity distance at the unit of account used at present for budgetary purposes is converted into national curshould get back in grants from the Community's regional fund, seems likely to be the central event of the two-day summit dellar parities. Thus the pound is still deemed to be worth 2.4 units of account against a value of only 1.5 in the new unit, which would be based on current market rates.

The British and Irish have made clear that they cannot accept the switch to the new unit of account if the result is a bigger increase in their contributions than they would incur anyway as they move by annual steps towards a full role in 1980 in the Community's self-finacing

Budget system.

Last month, EEC Budget ministers came close to agreement on an ingenious Belgian-Danish compromise. This of the new unit of account were accepted. This is what the Germans and most other members have been insisting on.

Britain, backed by the European Commission, considers that a fair contribution next year would be some £1,140m, still a substantial increase, but the new unit of account the new unit of account to the property of the pr

demanded by West Germany. The result would be a suggest deficit next year estimated at between 3.5 per cent and 4 per cent. This, the Danes suggest, could be met by a loan raised on the internation al capital market and repaid-out of the Community Budget

But legal experts in Brussels say that EEC rules do not permit the Community to run a Budget deficit. Pohtically, neither the French nor the Germans appear happy about the compromise, which cannot in any case be disentangled from the separate dispute over from the separate dispute overthe regional fund. The Commission, backed by the British, the Italians, the

the British, me Italians, me Irish and the European Assembly, wants the resources available to the fund, which is designed to transfer wealth from the richer to the poorer regions of the Community, to he wised to fasse part year. be raised to £488m next year, from £259m in 1977.

and threatening to organizers of all

execute organizers of all Algerian associations in Europe if the French hostages taken by the Polisario were not released

the two French who died in the

raid on Zouerate on May 1, when six French hostages were

Yesterday there was another "Deka" relephone call, this time to the AFP office in Lyons.

The caller said that in order to

and morally help the murderers of the Franch nation" they would hit at the representatives of Algeria. The next attack would be in Lyons within a week

week. M Lionel Stoleru, the Immi-

prove their determination strike at those who " financially

also taken

Ruling political groups in Spain agree to merge into one party

Senor Suarez, the Spanish Prime Minister, has persuaded all but one of the parties represented in his ruling Democratic Centre Union to dissolve themselves and form a

political committee made up of representatives from the federation of 12 from the federation of 12 parties, which constitute the Centre, agreed over the weekend to form one party. The committee gave the parties until next Saturday to dissolve themselves. Any who do not, it said, will be "left at the margin of the Centre, given that there cannot be double membership". bership "

Only the Popular Democratic

Party headed by Senor Ignacio Camunas, the former Minister for the Cortes, who resigned in eptember, voted against the decision. Christian Democratic Party of Senor Fernando Alvarez de Miranda, the Presi-dent of the Lower House, abdent of the Lower House, ap-stained in view of its decision not to disband "until the Centre adopts more of the Christian Democratic ideol-

home rule demonstrators who

threw rocks and built barri-

cades in the southern city of

cades in the southern city of Malaga today.

A 19-year-old protester was killed by a bullet and many other people, among them 20 policemen, were injured in incidents marring a hugh proautonomy march.

Violence broke out after a group of demonstrators hurled stones and rotten oranges at the provincial council headquarters.

They were protesting against

now go along with the idea. given the overwhelming support for unity. He is reported to have obtained some concessions from Señor Suárez, particularly regarding educational subsidies.

Señor Suárez called the deci-sion "enormously important for the consolidation of democracy". For months now, since the Centre was hastily formed the Centre was hastily formed before the June general elec-tion, there have been reports of "crises" in the Centre as Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberals and the Prime Minister's Independents vied for their voices to be

Psychologically the decision is important for Spaniards have come to think cynically of the Centre as being little more than a loosely-knit collection of self-perpetuating interests. Politically, with a view to municipal elections and most probably general elections next year, the Centre should be in a stronger position. Fresh general elections are likely after the constitution is approved next year.

Madrid, Dec 4.—Riot police and paramilitary civil guards fought a four-hour battle with form the building instead of the angle of the property of the building instead of the angle of the region on Tuesday.

Demonstrations, reflecting and present the region of the regi

Firing rubber bullets and smoke flares, the police scattered the crowd. But thousands of demonstrators later re-

or demonstrators later re-grouped, blocked off several streets with building materials and vehicles and counter-attacked with rocks and bricks.

The governor then called in the Civil Guards to back up the

police. An Andalusian trade union

group of demonstrators hurled stones and rotten oranges at the provincial council headquarters. They were protesting against it was not known who had fired the provincial governor's decitive short that killed the youth. Trade union officials have

Youth shot dead during home rule rally

member parties burying their differences, which are slight anyway and more a matter of personality clashes.

Senor Suarez, who himself has yet to declare precisely where he stands politically, has managed to bring some order into the Centre and as a result it is quite likely that the minor government resbuffle which he hinted at in October

wili now go ahead.
The Centre also agreed at its meeting to reconsider Article 3 of the draft of the new constitution, which declares that Spain will no longer be a con-fessional state. The Roman Catholic Church attacked this article last week.
The left has told the church

to mind its own business, but the Centre is having second thoughts because its support for a considerable lessening of the church's influence could lose it writes to the right-wing lose it votes to the right-wing Popular Alliance. In Pamplona extreme right-

wing and left-wing demonstra-tors clashed yesterday during a Centre adopts more of the Centre adopts more of the Christian Democratic ideology.

Compared to the left the Constitution of including the province of including the province of Navarra in a statute of autonomy for the Basque country.

new surge of regionalist feeling were held throughout the Andalusia and in the north-

Andalusia and in the north-western region of Galicia.

Spanish relevision estimated that three milion people took part in the demonstrations in Andelusia. An estimated

350.000 people marched in

Andalusia and Galicia are two of the country's portest regions. Demants for autonomy have mounted since the decision by Señor Suárez, the

Dr Soares in need of **Communist votes**

Lisbon, Dec 4.—Dr Antonio vive if the Social Democrats Macedo, the Porruguese Social and Centre Democrats vote isi Party chairman, said today that Communist support for the minority Socialist Government in a crucial confidence vote in Parliament next week would be

Dr Mario Soares, the Prime Minister, may have to rely on such support if his 16-monthold Government is to survive over the issue of a tough economic austerity programme. In a speech at Aveiro, 175 miles north of Lisbon, Dr Macedo said there was no difference between the votes of the 40 Communist deputies in the 263-member Assembly of

the Republic and those of the 73-strong Social Democrats and the 41 Centre Democrats. The two main opposition parties are expected to line up against Dr Soares at the end of a marathon 19-hour debate beginning on Tuesday morning and ending at midnight on

against. But a favourable Communist vote is still in the balance, and the party is not expected to make up its mind until the last moment. Dr Alvaro Cunhal, the Communist leader, today repeated that his party would not give a blank cheque to the Socialists,

whom he accuses of selling out to the right, capitalism and imperiatism. "We shall do our best to reach agreement with the Government, he said in a radio interview. "But there must be concrete agreements and the Government has so far shown no sign of really wanting to come to terms."

Dr Soares declared his intention of staking the life of his Cabinet on a confidence motion after failing to win approval from the Opposition on a national platform to beat the country's grave economic crisis.

After seeing President Eanes last night, the Prime Minister said the Government was "serene and calm" and would The Socialists can count on said the Government only 102 sure votes, and thus "serene and calm" and v need Communist support or right-wing abstentions to suraccept the verdict of Parliament

Dutch coalition agrees on Premier and Cabinet posts

Wednesday.

Mr Andries van Agt, the parliamentary leader of the paruamentary leader of the Christian Democrats, and Minister of Justice in the outgoing Labour-Christian Democratic Government, is expected to be asked by Queen Juliana to form the new Government early in the week.

There was some doubt whether Mr van Agt, politically the most obvious choice to lead the new right-of-centre coalition of Christian Democrats and conservative Liberals, would be prepared to do so. He is not an economist, and his Government will have to tackle a numment will have to tackle a number of urgent economic prob-

Democrats and the Liberals. After earlier agreement on a programme, the parties reached agreement late on Friday on the allocation of portfolios.

The Christian Democrats will provide 10 Cabinet mem-bers, including the Prime Minister. Their portfolios include Justice, Finance, Defence, Justice, Finance, Desente, Justice, Finance, Desente, Social Affairs and Overseas Development. The Liberals

new coalition can thus be cer-tain of only 71 votes in the Prime Minister, to grant autonomy to Catalonia last was the final obstacle in the september.—UPI and Reuter. 150-seat parliament. The six

French police protect Algerians after threat

From Ian Murray Paris, Dec 4

Police controls are to be stepped up to protect Algerians associations in Europe living and working in France if the French hostages taken by after the murder on Friday of a nightwatchman in Paris, by 1 pm today. According to an anonymous "Delta", the nightwatchman had been killed in revenge for the two French who died in the Police controls are to be

" Delta " was the codename of the commando group which, at the height of the Algerian war, carried out many daring and vicious attacks against French troops detailed to hunt mem-bers of the right-wing OAS (Organisation Armée Secrète). It has not been heard of since its first leader, Roger Degueldre, a Foreign Legion paratroop lieutenant, was executed in 1962.

The murdered nightwatchman, Laid Said, was on his way into the offices of the European into the offices of the European Algerian Association in the Rue Louis le Grand, near the Opera, when he was shot down by two or three men using heavy military piscols. Although it made their escape in a car which had been double parked outside the office.

M Lionel Stoleru, the Immigrant Labour Minister, said in a television interview today that protection for the Algerians would be stepped up. The fact that French citizens in which had been double parked outside the office. outside the office. Some four hours later, the elephone call was made to

Agence France Presse in Paris of whatever form.

Bomb explodes

in train at

dead in

Yugoslav border Graz, Austria, Dec 4.—A bomb exploded this morning in a lavatory of the Belgrade express train after it had left the Austrian border station of Spielfeld and crossed into Yugoslavia, police reported. Apparently no one was injured. During a routine check carried out on all trains crossing the border, a Yugoslav official detected a suspicious parcel. He pulled the emergency brake but the bomb went off before the train came to a halt.

When the train reached the railway station of Sentilj in Slovenia, the damaged carriage was uncoupled and the journey to Belgrade later resumed.

The extent of the damage was not known.—AP.

From Our Own Correspondent

Yet another French opinion poll, to be published tomorrow, shows the left still just ahead in the run up to the general election in March.

The Louis Harris Poll pub-

lished in the magazine Le Point shows that in the first round of the election the Union of the Left should

receive 51 per cent of the

However, when the electors

transfer their votes in the second ballot the picture is expected to change and the

government majority is tipped

Opinion poll shows French

left still just leading

they were hostages, he said. The French Government would Briton is shot

bar quarrel Draguignan, Dec 4.—A British tourist was shot dead during the night by an unknown assailant during a quarrel in a bar in the village of Figanières, in Proposes in Provence.

in Provence.

Mr George Gordon Erington, aged 43, of Derby, had gone to the bar, Les Ombrages, with Mr Makcolm Geoffrey Lane and Mr Gordon Reckinson. They were involved in a quarrel with other men, one of whom shot Mr Erington in the back. Mr Lane received a slight head wound, but Mr Reckinson was not burt. The man escaped. not hurt. The man escaped.

The three Britons had gone to Figanières to restore a country house they owned in the region.—Agence France-Presse.

abstain rather than vote for a Communist if their candidate is defeated in the first round.

Other findings of the poll are that the Gaullists' popular-

ity has increased by 2 per cent since the last poll for the mag-

lar gain, while the Socialists have lost 1 per cent.

Among the minor parties there is 4 per cent support for

the ecologists' candidates. This figure has remained constant

in all recent polls. With the

difference between the majority coalition and the Union of the Left being so

small, the ecologists seem justi-fied to claim that they hold the balance of power.

azine in August. Communists have made

How you will get your £10 Christmas Bonus.

If you are entitled to the £10 Christmas need to apply

Check that you're entitled to the bonus.

You will get the extra £10 if, in the week beginning 5 December, you are entitled to any of these benefits:

Retirement pension (including over 80 pension) - even if your pension is not currently payable because of high earnings.

National insurance widow's benefit.

Attendance allowance.

Invalid care allowance.

Invalidity pension.

Supplementary pension.

Unemployability supplement or allowance, or constant attendance allowance paid with war or industrial disablement pension.

War pension – if you are over pension age and retired, or have one of the above benefits.

Only one payment can be made for each person.

Additional bonus for your wife.

If your wife is not entitled to the bonus in her own right and provided you are getting an increase of benefit for her, you may get an additional £10 if you are over 65 and your wife

Bonus you will get it automatically. You do not

Non-contributory invalidity pension.

War widow's pension.

Industrial injuries widows or widower's benefit.

over 60 before 12 December 1977

If you are not getting an increase because of her current high earnings you may still be entitled to an additional

So you should contact your local Social Security office straight away.

How you'll be paid.

National insurance retirement and widow pensioners: If you are normally paid by order book you will get your £10 at the Post Office when you cash your order for the week beginning 5 December. But please help by cashing your order on time that week. There are some exceptions:

*Widows getting widows allowance (for first 26 weeks of widowhood) will be sent a girocheque.

*Those with retirement pensions paid by 4-weekly order books who do not have an order payable in the week beginning 5 December will be sent a girocheque.

* Pensioners paid by payable order will be sent a separate order for £10.

Everyone else who qualifies will get the payment by girocheque. Some married women who have claimed Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension may not yet have received their order books but arrangements will be made to include the bonus in the first book.

If you haven't got your £10 by 3 January 1978 contact your local Social Security office, telling them which qualifying benefit you receive. If you are a war pensioner write instead to DHSS, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.

To get the £10 bonus a person must be present or ordinarily resident in the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Gibraltar or any EEC (Common Market) country at any time during the week beginning 5 December.

Issued by the Department of Health & Social Security.

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Dec 4

In cash terms, Britain's esti-

year would be some £1,140m, under the new unit of still a substantial increase, but account.)

Pressure to end councils of Italian provinces

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 4
Senator Gaetano Stammati,
Minister of the Treasury, is
the most recent of a notable
line of reformers to demand
the abolition of the 94 provincial administrations in Italy.

His object is to save money and to put an end to an insti-tution which shows every sign of having outlived its useful-

regional governments, overing much wider areas, www have their full powers, while the municipalities are of local government. It is they who have had to deal with many of the consequences of he widespread shift from the ountryside to the towns. The provinces are an interrediary stage of local adminis-ration with few powers or res-

musibilities to justify a sepaite level of organization And iey have increased their debts. 250 per cent over the past Historically the province was uroduced into parts of Italy poleon on the mo

e French department. Each province elects a coun-I every four years with beveen 24 and 45 members epending on the number thabitants. The council habitants. The council in irin elects an executive which eals with the comparatively we fields which are the pro-incial responsibility. These insude a certain amount of ladbuilding and maintenance to including highways for high the council including high ways for high the council in t fuch the state or the munici-alities are responsible); some ublic assistance, especially appers, orphans and the men-

illy ill; and some responsibili-es for health, such as the revention of contagious contagious Their share of road main-mance amounts to about 4,000 miles and there are triking differences in the osts of such work. In the osts of such work. In the icilian province of Agrigento, or instance more than £2,100 spent for every kilometre

ince of Pordenone the sum is

Politically, the provinces are emarkable for the number of ocialists at the head of the xecutives—about 36 out of the 4—meaning that a party with 0 per cent of the national ote has well over one third of re provincial chairmanships. he biggest party, the Chrisan Democrats, comes second. The likelihood of abolition is at regarded as particularly igh, for the provinces remain useful field of parronage, he reaction from the provin-al capitals would be strong nd in some places probably ident if they were to lose

Régis Debray wins

e French left-wing intellectual

Paris, Dec 4 .- Regis Debray,

ailed in Bolivia during the 369s, has won the 1977 Prix emins for his novel La Neige femins for his novel La Neige to win. A high proportion of wife (The Snow is Burning). Socialist voters are expected to

Soldier-students take leave

of the École mutiny rom Our Own Correspondent aris, Dec 4

The soldier-students (ance's famous Ecole Polyechnique were to have mutiicd at the weekend in protest what they regard as too Tas to have been in the form it a sirin at the college by all he students, but only a handul gave up their weekend leave

o stage the protest. Discontent with military lacipline came to a head at the school ball the previous reckend when the director, seneral Jean-Noel Augier, toticed that one student, Frank loileau, had several of his enform tunic buttons undone. he general ordered the student o do them up four times and he following Monday he was

sentenced to 30 days' detention in his room. Several other students were

also punished, among them a girl for wearing a brightly coloured shawl over her uni-form. Last Tuesday 630 of the school's 641 students boycotted lessons. Their leaders were promptly punished and the mutiny continued with the sit-in this weekend.

The school was founded in 1794 and brought into the army by Napoleon to provide engineers for his troops. Recognized as the best school of its type in France, its graduates nowadays tend to be snapped up by industry and commerce and very few actually join the services. Resentment against the military regime and discipline has caused increasing trouble over the past few years.

Swiss reject tax reform on higher incomes From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Dec 4

In a national Swiss voters have rejected proposals for a reform of taxes on higher incomes. A uniform scale of assessment was pro-posed to be applied nationwide replacing the present scales that vary considerably among the 25 cantons.

Under the proposals put for-ward by the Socialist Party, income tax would have been raised for people with an annual (£25,000) upwards, ranging from 27 per cent on that figure to 47 per cent on 1m francs. Similar scales are already applied in some cantons. Statistics show that 2 to 3 per cent of taxpayers own about half the total of indi-vidual assets.

Patriotic Front leaders invited for talks in London to clear up suspicions over British policy

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain intends to keep in such with all the Rhodesian ettlement parties while Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime

Accordingly, Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, has invited Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the two Patriotic From leaders, for talks in London later this month. The proposed dates are December

The invitations were sent out at the end of last week. Mr Nkomo's was delivered by the British ambassador in Lusaka and Mr Mugabe's was sent to

The Foreign Office has no indication that either Mr Nkomo or Mr Mugabe will be willing to come to London for talks now. about British intentions, the

to continue the discussions which Field Marshal Lord Carver, the British Resident Commission-designate, began on Minister, pursues his own dis-cussions in Salisbury.

Commussion designate, organ or arrangements for a ceasefire and also on the wider issues of the settlement plans in the

British White Paper.

Yesterday Dr Owen saw the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, one of the nationalist leaders who is taking part in the talks called by Mr Smith to discuss holding elections based on adult suffrage in Rhodesia. Mr Sithole history would judge us most is passing through London on his way home to Salisbury.

At the weekend, Dr Owen defended the British policy of trying to seek a peaceful settlement and gave a warning against attenues to select the settlement and gave a warning

against attempts to glamourize the liberation forces in southern Anyone who wished to

prospect of any fruitful ex struggle and those who some change does not seem to bright.

Nevertheless Dr Owen wants option to supply arms to the option to supply arms to the liberation forces should be disabused. Dr Owen told a Labour Party and Anti-Apartheid Movement conference in London.

" It is going to be a very long, bloody and damaging struggle in which a whole host of people will be killed and the outcome is uncertain", he said. "For the Western powers to give up history would judge us most severely for."

Dr Owen also said in a tele-vision news bulletin that world opinion was outraged by the verdict that South African security police were not responsible for the death of the black African leader Steve Biko. A lot would depend on the wished to South African Government's liberation reaction to this opinion.



Colonel Gaddafi (centre), the Libyan head of state, raises the hands of Palestinian leaders George Habash (on his right) and Yassir Arafat at the end of the rejectionist summit in Tripoli yesterday.

Egypt indicates that American pressure on Israel is needed elements of Cairo's tactics on

By Our Foreign Staff
After by-passing the United
States in initiating peace talks
with Israel, Egypt yesterday
urged Washington to play a
bigger role in actual negociations for a Middle East settle-

tions for a Middle East settlement.

Mr Mamdouh Salem, the Prime Minister, told the Egyptian Parliament the United States bore a special responsibility by virtue of its special relationship with Israel.

The post-initiative stage opens new horizons for bigger positive steps required from the United States in order to push the new situation to-

trom the United States in order to push the new situation to-ward the establishment of peace based on justice ", he said. He appeared to be indicating that the time had come for the United States to our measure.

on Israel to make concessions to the Arabs.

"Israel today faces a choice between security and expansion", he said. "Its leaders face the responsibility of sparing their own people, as well as peoples of the region, a horrible alternative to the present special concernity of a personal concernity of the concernity "Israel today faces a choice between security and expansion", he said. "Its leaders face the responsibility of sparing their own people, as well as peoples of the region, a horrible alternative to the present unique opportunity for a permanent and just peace for all." Egypt has named Dr Esmat Abdul Maguid, its representative at the United Nations, as leader of its team at the Middle East preparatory peace talks it leader of its team at the Middle East preparatory peace talks it has called here and fixed December 14 as the likely starting date. It also summoned home for urgent consultations the ambassadors to the Soviet Union, Iraq, Syria, Algeria and South Yemen.

policies.
In Moscow Pravda said the proposed Cairo talks on the Middle East were only a cover for a separate Israeli-Egyptian settlement. Moscow could not take part in such "unseemly deade." The peace initiatives by President Sadat were a failure and had "seriously aggravated" the efforts to defuse tensions in peace initiatives by

Janon, Iraq, Syria, Algeria and the Middle East.

South Yemen.

Informed sources said the the effect of surprise, these

which they counted a great deal, did not work", it said. The refusal of several Arab countries to attend the talks showed they promptly discerned the essence of the Cairo manoeuvre, aimed at continued negotiations with Israel for the sake of separate In an interview with Inde-

In an interview with Independent Television News, President Sadat said that if Israel wanted last month's mutual non-aggression pledge to stand, it had better bring a softened negotiating position to the Cairo talks. Speaking in his state rest house on the Nile, he said: "They have to face the consequences... We will have a new situation."

Arab lands and establishment of a Palestinian state, he said. He was concerned that Israel's He was concerned that Israel's delegation was made up of experts "who might leave the talks bogged down in detail, rather than focusing on big political issues.

"They should come to Cairo with the answer [to my peace initiative] in their pockets", he Asked whether the "consc.

quences" Israel might suffer if it maintained its refusal of Arab demands could include war, he said: "We have the right by the United Nations ate rest nouse on the Nile, ne sid: "They have to face the charter, by anything in this onsequences... We will have new situation."

Egypt's demands were clear: whenever we choose to do this."

conscience



Syria: Jamil Sadan By David Watts

Mr Jamil Sadan has been in prison in Syria, without charge or trial, for 21 years.

A member of the Druze sect which lives in the mountainous zone bordering Israel, he is believed to have been arrested as a resolt of a land dispute with his brother, a member of the security for a who gave false information against him. The security forces are empowered to detain political prisoners indefinitely without charge, trial, or access to legal representation.

prison in Damoscus, which halds both political and com-mon law offenders.

He is at present in a cell for

political prisoners known as

The agency has already pubRoom 8. The cell contains 40 lished one account of the bods, but it is known that 73 alleged atrocity reported by Mr people were held in it Ross Baughman, who claims he

Hours.

Bishop likely to attend next Salisbury meeting Lupane area of Rhodesia and torture the man's wife and

From Frederick Cleary

Salisbury, Dec 4
Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rhodesian nationalist leader, is expected to be present at the Salisbury settlement talks when they resume next Friday.

He missed the first round He missed the first round last Friday after proclaiming a week of mourning for the 1,200 Africans killed in Rhodesian raids on guerrilla training camps in Mozambique. This will end on Thursday.

However, Bishop Muzorewa did not commit himself specificults a invited the talks when

ally to joining the talks when asked at the weekend if he would take his place alongside Senator Chief Chirau, leader of Senator Chief Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization, and the African National Council (Sithole) faction, represented last week by Dr Elliott Gabellah.

All Bishop Muzorewa, who leads the popular United African National Council, would say that it was important for

was that it was important for the talks to go on. The public should be happy about this. Observers believe that having made his point about the raids on the guerriba camps, Bishop

Mr Sadan was imprisoned at first in Al Mezze military prison, near Damascus, before hain held for about 12 years myrs. At the beginning of 1974 expected to promote was transferred to Color played by an American photo-grapher employed by the Asso-ciated Press news agency in Rhodesia may be disclosed.

saw a 25-man cavalry unit loot, burn down native buts, beat a gns of mental disturbance. local politician in the western

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daughter. Mr Banghman is said to have worn an army uniform, carried a weapon and ridden with the troops. On his own admission, he departed from his observer role and was "drawn in on one occasion". By wearing a Rho-

occasion". By wearing a kno-desian military uniform, carry-ing a weapon and possibly being a participant in some fighting. Mr Baughman has em-barrassed the news agency, which only released that part of the story after being pres-sured and criticized for sup-pressing news.

pressing news.
According to the Associated Press report, Mr Baughman met an American who holds the rank of major in the Rhodesian Army, at a party and persuaded him to arrange for him (Mr Baughman) to accompany the unit on its mission. Mr Baughman left Rhodesia on November 20 or 21 for London.

Because of the special inquiry into the torture allegation, Rhodesian military authorities are not saying anything now except that the Associated Press report carried a number of serious inaccuracies.
In view of this, the Associa-

ted Press representative who flew from Johannesburg to with Khodeslan Government officials, has agreed to hold up officials, has agreed to hold up publication of a defailed account of the incident provided the Rhodesian authorities produce certain information.

The Rhodesian military command is determined to punish any forces involved in torture and has announced that the due

process of law will be applied even if this means prosecuting members of the security forces.

Swapo chief detained in Namibia

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Dec 4
Mr Daniel Tjongarero, the
most senior member of the
South-West Africa People's
Organization (Swapo) living in
Namibia, has been detained by
the police, it was confirmed in
Windhoek today,
Brigadier Victor Verster, the

Windhoek today.

Brigadier Victor Verster, the divisional commissioner of police, said that Mr Tjongarero, Swapo's vice-chairman, was detained in the north of the territory with Mrs Martha Ford, his secretary and was achieved. his secretary, and two other people. The two others, Mr Tauno Haruikulipi, a Swapo executive, and Mr Justin Ellis, a member of the Inter-Denominational Christian Centre were later released.

Centre were later released.
The four were held on Friday
while attending a symposium.
They were detained under new
security legislation introduced last month which replaced the former emergency regulation in the three northern home-lands of Ovambo, Kavango and

regulation restricted entry into and movement within the three homelands, where South African forces are engaged in a war against Swapo

The detentions coincided with the end of the apparently in-conclusive fourth round of talks in Pretoria between South Africa and the five Western members of the United Nations Security Council on the future of Namibia.

Tourist exodus from troubled Bermuda

South Yemen.

will break up."

Continued from page 1

gas masks, moved to the road intersections at the corners of the block and began fixing tear gas to break up the crowds gathering in knots. Most people fled from the gas, but a few acted defiantly, one approaching a police vehicle with a sledgedsammer, which he did not in the event employ. the block and began firing tear

not in the event employ.

This was in the late afternoon, about an hour before the
curfew was due to come into
effect. The curfew has now
been advanced by half an hour
in 5.30 pm, but it has been
Street area.

Fortunately for the police, heavy rain broke out at about 5 pm, and sent people hurrying indoors. It lasted some five hours, and by the time it had ended the night had already set into a relatively calm pattern. All the same, several fires were started by youths throwing petrol bombs, some of them into buildings which had almost a been saviable hard almost a been saviable been to be a saviable been saviable ready been partially burnt out in previous attacks. The only significant destruction was in Court Street, where a Muslim bakery was destroyed completely because firemen waited for police clearance before going to tackle it.

Police say the arsonists seem well organized, using walkie-talkie radios to communicate, and that many appear to move around the island's perimeter by boat.

The damage last night was small compared with the de-struction on Friday, in which Gosling's Wine and Spirit warehouse, the largest on the island, was destroyed with all

island, was destroyed with all its contents, and two supermarkets were burnt down.

Partly because of fears that other food shops might disappear, and partly because of the siege mentality that a curfew fosters, the remaining supermarkets were crowded all day vesteday as residents. all day yesterday, as residents loaded their cars with produce. Most shops on the fashionable Front Street on the harbour side have their windows boarded up to deter fire-

The police force comprises
381 men, most of them white
English policemen on contract,
and a hundred reservists. On
top of this, the Bermuda Regiment has 350 men. After the
eruption of the troubles on
Thursday many of them were
on duty for periods approaching 24 hours and with no spare
capacity, outside help was
essential. The fire service also
called for volunteers and received help from firefighters
from the United States Navy
base here. The police force comprises

base here.
Some members of the Gov-Some members of the Gov-ernment insist that the way to deal with the troublemakers is to crack down hard. Mr Harry Viera, Minister of Information,

admitting that the extent of the disturbances had taken the Cabinet by surprise, said:
"There's only one way to get on top of them. You have to get a bir rough. If the Government doesn't use real force and get on top of all this, Bermuda will break up."

Such feelings are shared by many Government supporters, one of whom spoke to me about Marxists and anarchists being at the root of the trouble. A more moderate approach, however, is taken by the opposition
Progressive Labour Party
whose leader, Mrs Lois Brownenight to appeal for an end to

In doing so, she blamed the trouble on the "sociological, economic and political questions which, in the Bermudan way, we have swept under the carpet to fester. Although it is by most standards a prosperous country, with no visible extremes of poverty, Bermuda was one of the last spots in the British Empire to end racial discrimination and to give British Empire to end racial discrimination and to give equal voting rights to all adults.

Much racial distinction of an tuformal nature still remains, say the more militant blacks. Capital punishment, which the Labour Party wants to see abolished, is regarded by them as a remnant of aristocratic and repressive rule.

They feel the same about the Government's insistence that the letter of the law had to be obeyed, even though there had been no hanging in the colony for 30 years. Whatever the rights and wrones in this instance, it is undeniable that if there had been no hangings there would have been no rioting.

there would have been no rioting.

The economic consequences of these unhappy few days could last well beyond the time that peace is eventually restored. Tourism is virtually the island's only industry.

Many American visitors have cut short their holidays. This is not solely because of fear, though the death of two Americans in a hotel fire on the eve of the hangings has unperved some. (The fire was at first said to be unconnected with the disturbances, but police said later that they were treating it as arson.) treating it as arson.)

A more powerful motive for the tourists' exodus is the curfew, which has closed down the island's night spots, forcing visitors to stay in their horels after 5.30 pm.

It is decidedly the kind of trouble that Americans do not like. And there are plenty of other warm weather resorts

other warm weather resorts vying for their custom. Owen statement: Dr Owen; the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, will make a statement to the Compons about Bermuda

Tory leader arrives in Belgrade From Our Correspondent

Belgrade, Dec 4
Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, arrived in Belgrade today for a crowded two-day programme of talks and official ceremonies including a meeting

ceremonies including a meeting with President Tito who has lust returned from Romania.

It is Mrs Thatcher's first visit to Yugoslavia, and although the Yugoslavs are familiar with her views on Communism and may not share her ideas on private enterprise, they welcomed her as a talented and hardworking politician.

In introducing the Tory press the official Yugoslav presuration for firmness, organi-

reputation for firmness, organizational ability and efficiency.
She is accompanied by Sir Fitzrov Maclean, who headed the British mission to the Yugo-During her visit Mrs Thatcher will talk to the mem-bers of the British delegation to the Belgrade conference reviewing the Helsinki agree-ment. She has been urging that the conference should not end before Soviet citizens manitor-ing observance of the 1975

ing observance of the 1975 human rights accords are released from prison.

She will also meet Mr Kiro Gligorov chairman of the Yugoslav National Assembly, her official host, and Mr Dolanc, secretary of the executive bureau of the Yugoslav League of Communists.

Cairo limits number of newsmen for talks

From Our Correspondent Tel Aviv, Dec 4

Egypt has set a limit of 30 Israeli correspondents, photographers and broadcasting pechnicians to cover the Cairo talks later this mouth. This is roughly equal to the cress corps in President Sadat's entourage when he visited Ieruszlem.

Hundreds had applied to the Israeli authorities, but the Egyptians said the limir was made necessary by security considerations and limited

pondent of Israel television. which is state owned.

Mr Haim Yevin, director of said the two men did not work by the clock. They had gone to Cairo on their own, notwithstanding a general directive by the studios. He saw no reason

to recall them, however. . Mr Yevin said the pair had their reception by officials and the man in the street. This was consistent with reports by journalists who had preceded them to Cairo.

considerations and finated accommodation.

Cairo informed Jerusalem of the limit this weekend as a carat bis disposal and assigned in the limit this weekend as a carat bis disposal and assigned in Journalists was gaining strength. Mr Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister, told the Cabinet today the Egyptians had been particularly chagrined and embarassed by the arrival of a producer and a corresponding to ambush him.

Chess grandmaster's wife cannot leave Russia

Moscow, Dec 4.—The wife of Viktor Korchnoi, the chess grandmaster who defected to the West in July, 1976, has been refused permission to join her

husband overseas with their son, Igor, who is 19.

In an interview in Lenin-grad, Mrs Bela Korchnoi said that they had applied on August 19 for exit visus but received a refusal late last month.

She said that she was afraid that her son would be drafted to the armed forces, thus making it impossible for him we emigrate.

She still hoped to emigrate she added that since her hus band's defection she had been treated well, and continued to be able to speak with him regularly by telephone.

Mr Korchnoi is at present the playing a chess match against Boris Spassky in Belgrade.

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Emperor Bokassa I crowned in Central Africa

Bangil Dec 4 Emperor Bolessa Hie First was crowned bere play in one of the most landsh and spectacular events in recent African history.

The Soyear old emperor, a devotes of another military emperor. Napoleon, was 90 minutes late for his coronation in a sports stadium. He made a speciacular entry unrivalled for pomp since Haile Selassic manufed the Ethiopian throne 47 vers aco.

Emperor Bokassa descended from his succeed eight-ton French chech and walked short storicing down the centre of the sports stadium to the chrone of the Centra, African Empire, a massive gold-plaed figure of an sagle, 15f high with an 18ft wing span. The red velvet seat was carved into red velvet seat was carved into the breast and belly of the

He were a gold-trimmed beige toga, with a broad sash in the imperial colours of red, white, blue, green and yallow, and a small gold-plated crown of toak leaves. The beautiful 28-year-old Empress Catherine, who preceded him toso the

lar crown.

She was sheathed in a shimmering gold lame dress studded with more and much of the route.

She was sheathed in a shimmering gold lame dress studded with multicoloured precious jewels and with an are cious jewels and with an 8st train. She was accompanied by eight maids of honour dressed in fluily white, pink and red dresses, with broad-brimmed hats.

The Emperor's two-year-old son and heir, Jean Bedel Georges, rode to the ceremony in his own open green and gold coach pulled by a team of six white daopied horses.

uphold the constitution and pledged himself to guarantee national independence and to serve the nation in accordance with the empire's political party, the Black African Social Evolution Movement.

Emperor Palmonton in Coronation site to the cathedral was led by a military band that was also in black and red, followed by borsemen specially trained in France to ride European style and clothed in green and black.

Both the crown price's open

Emperor Bokassa then place a second crown on the head of his kneeling wife. The corona-

gold coach pulled by a team of six white dappled horses.

He was dressed in a white naval officer's uniform trimmed in gold, with a white peaked cap. He yawned repeatedly and stamped his feet to the music during the coronation ceremony and the following High Mass in the cathedral of Bangui.

Emperor Bokassa received a fit diamond-encrusted scepre of office and was draped by aides in a 20-ft long red velver cloak trimmed with white fur.

With the essistance of the Court chamberlain he placed the Limperial crown on his women soldiers of the Imperial crown coutinem. The

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Both the crown price's open carriage and the emperor's glass enclosed carriage were in ark green, trimmed in gold with imperial eagles at all four corners of each roof.

Traditional African dancers and musicians followed. Temperatures soured above 100°F (40°WC) for the ceremony; the court chamberlain repeatedly mopped Emperor Bokassa's brow.

The coronation and tonight's gala dinner for 2,000 guests cost an estimated £14m, in a country officially listed as among the world's 25 poorest nations, with a per capita income of only about £85 a year. The bill acqualled The bill equalled a quarter of what the country earns from all exports each year.—UPI

Indian atom plant closed after explosion

From Our Own Correspondent

Delhi, Dec 4

The heavy water plant of India's Atomic Energy Commission at Baroda has been completely shut down for an indefinite period as a result of an explosion yesterday in the plant's converter. About 20 persons sustained minor burns.

The explosion came after a persons sustained minor burns.

The explosion came after a series of blasts in the converter where heavy hydrogen is extracted from ammonia gas. The converter was soon in flames which it took fire brigades an hour to bring under control. The plant is about 200 miles north of Bombay.

Production of heavy water.

Production of heavy water, or which a production target been ser of 300 metric by 1979 is now likely, according to informed sources, to be delayed by at least one

year.
The Baroda project, started in 1969 and developed by a French consortium, was expected to produce about 67 metric tons of heavy water annually. It was the oldest of four such plants under construction for the Commission. A team of experts from the AEC is now investigating the causes of the explosion which in the converter. The Baroda viant had initially been sup-rosed to be commissioned two ears back and had still not tarted to produce heavy water in substantial quantities.

In substantial quantities.

Heavy water is needed for india's nuclear power plants.

This was the second mishap to the heavy water programme. Three years ago equipment from West Germany for another plant was reported to have fallen from a story. fallen from a ship in a storm off Portugal.

Polish leadership accused of attacking morals

Warsaw, Dec 4.-The Polish Roman Catholic Church today accused the state authorities of encouraging sexual immorality in an attempt to undermine Sthe influence of religion. A pastoral letter read out in

churches throughout this pre-idominantly Catholic country denounced declining moral standards, sexual licence in the mass media, film and theatre, and what it called "brutal sexual education" of the young. It called on parents, teachers, custoral figures and

young people themselves to resist what it said was "a secet plan for the moral disinte-gration of the nation".

Unlike most other com-nunist countries, Poland is relnational permissive in sexual nations. Many films contain scenes of nudity and sex. Several illustrated magazines enture photographs of naked somen.

Observers were struck by the ACT that the latest church plast against the authorities, although drafted at a bishops' conference in June, was read mly three days after Mr dward Gierek, the party eader, met the Pope in the

The Polish Church aid, was demonstrating that létente between Warsaw and he Holy See did not affect its ss to speak out against te Government.-Reuter.



Landfall : Mrs Gash arrives in Sudpey

sailed the world alone

Sydney, Dec 4.—A Sydney grandmother who sailed around the world alone said today the best part of her trip was the welcome home she received.

Sipping champagne and sur- via Trinida rounded by her family, Mrs Tonga.—AP.

Woman who sight of Sydney harbour was favorastic.

After her arrival on board the Ilimo yesterday, she said she had experienced some ter-rifying times during the two-

year voyage.
Mrs Gash, who has daughters, left Britzin on the return leg in November last year. She passed through the canal system of Holland and Belgium, sailed down the coast of Spain to Gibraltar and the Canary Islands, and continued via Trinidad, Panama and

finance ministers are expected

Agreement on the transfer

to the three governments of the outstanding loan liabilities

of the Community has not been reached. Until it is, the

Ugandan

World Bank helps divide East African assets

Nairobi, Dec 4

Officials of the Kenya, Tan-zania and Uganda govern-ments, meeting in Washington with officials of the World Rank have drawn up proposals Officials of the Kenya, Tan-Bank, have drawn up proposals for sharing out the assets and liabilities of the East African Community, which collapsed in July as a result of differences between the three states.

East African ministers are World Bank is holding back now due to take over the negotiations, with the aim of bad been approved for the appointing a mediator. Mr Community, but not yet Robert Ouko, Kenya's Minister advanced. This money will be for Community Affairs, is divided among the three if all already in Washington, and the other matters are agreed.

Herr Honecker concludes Vietnam treaty

Hanoi, Dec 4—Herr Erich Honecker, the East German head of state, left Hanoi today for Saigon after agreeing to a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Vietnam that will be published later today. Herr Honecker, who spent three days here on an official visit, will remain in Saigon for another three days returning to East Berlin.

He is accompanied by a delegation, including Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime

France

1.300 rebels

people and wounded 800 in a drive against anti-Government rebels in north-east Laos, the Bangkok Post said today.

About 60,000 Meos, whose leaders fought on the losing Vientiane side in the Laos civil war, were in danger of being trapped by government forces advancing in a pincer move on a jungled area, it said. Official confirmation of the fighting was not available.--Reuter.

reported killed in Laos drive

Bangkok , Dec 4.—Combined Laorian and Vietnamese forces have killed 1,360 Meo tribes-

Executions defended in Chinese press

Minister.-Agence

including death on, not of gentleness", it

An article written by the study group of the highest art of justice in Peking." Tacked the policies of Lin

According to Lin Piao, Mao e-tung's former successor-signate, who disappeared in 71, the legal system applied the people's courts in China was directly derived from the pitalist system". During the years before the Cultural

willy today defended the just had "never done anything the handed down by people's good and were even worse than in the time of the Kuo-Chiences. The people's courts mintang?, he had said.

Today's article said: "Since 1949, sticking to the party line

and respecting the national laws, they have applied the sentences laid down for national traitors and counter revolutionary elements. Among these sentences is the death sentence, prescribed for a minority of bad elements who

committed serious crimes. "Not to execute them would be not to give satisfaction to the people's anger directed the people's anger directed against the bad elements who harm the state. It is necessary to protect the security of socia-

elding, Dec 4.—The People's Revolution in 1966 the courts lism and the lives of the bully today-defended the just had mover done anything masses, as well as the security of property, and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is really a very good thing for the great masses."

Denouncing Lin Pian and the "gang of four", who described the people's courts or judges as "fascists and hangmen". the People's Daily also came out strongly against a state-ment by Lin Piao that there were no "good elements" in

the courts. The article follows a series of executions reported in several Chinese provinces since the fall of the "gang" in October, 1976.—Agence France-

Australia's 'dirtiest' campaign turns tame

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 4 At a time when the Austra

lian election campaign had turned severely against the Government, Mr Melcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, described it as "the dirtiest campaign" he had experienced.

The remark took everyone by surprise, including Mr Fraser's deputy, Mr Douglas Anthony, who said the next day that he had not found it dirtier than any other

In fact although there has been the normal personal snip-ing, there has been no real evidence of particularly foul play. Mr Fraser would probably be less inclined to make such a remark now that the aminimum nolls have been the complete of the sould be sould be the opinion polls have his ruling Liberal-Country Party coalition nace more leading the Labour

Party.

Mr Fraser himself has not come out of the campaign with a spotless reputation. Apart from pressing Mr Phillip Lynch, his Treasurer, to resign

One is that his Government had brought the rate of inflation down from 19 per cent to 9 per cent. Opponents argue that the rate has dropped from a peak of 16 per cent to about 12 per cent.

a peak of 16 per cent to about 12 per cent.

Fro his part, Mr Gough Whitlam, the Labour leader, has been accused of a variety of misdemeanours, but some of the allegations has proved to be of much substance. Attempts to suggest that a company called Whitlam Holding was a mesterious pecunic.

company called Whitlam Holding was a mysterious pecuniary interest of Mr Whitlam
fell flat when it was shown the
company belonged to his son, a
merchant banker.

Mr Whitlam was also
accused, accurately, of trying
to gain votes from Mr Lynch's
resignation. He maintains that
although Mr Lynch's profit
from land deals was not illegal, channelling his windfall

gal, channelling his windfall through a family trust to avoid tax was highly improper for a man pledged to close just such tax loopholes.

A possible "dirty trick" of

the campaign has not come from either party but from a publishing house. After the success a couple of years ago of their book The Wit of Gough Whitlam, Outback Press has now published The Wit of Malcolm Fraser.

The paperback has a whimsical portrait of Mr Fraser ou the cover, but inside are 100 blank pages
The only other possibly questionable action which

would probably be considered a legitimate election ploy, has been the leaking to the news media by the Government of the report of a royal commission on human relationships set up by the Whitlam Government. The details given to the press concentrated on propo-sals for the liberalization of laws relating to abortion, homosexuality, the age of con-

sent and incest.

Although Mr Whitlam accused Mr Fraser of leaking "only the dirty bits" the episode appears to have damaged

In fact the campaign has probably been milder and less meaningful than many in recent memory, and there have been quite a number. Mr Whitlam has now cam

paigned, at general elections, against Mr John Gorton, Mr William McMahon, Mr Bill Snedden and Mr Fraser. Fis score has been lose, win, win, lose, and at this stage it appears that he faces another defeat after leading during most of the campaign.

Nevertheless, no one be really surprised at a Labour vitory. There has even been a is possible which would be try-ing for Sir Zelman Cowen, the new Governor-Genaral would have to resolve the deadlock.

16 feared drowned Delhi, Dec 4.—Sixteen people re feared drowned after a boat with 40 people on board cap-sized near Salem, in Tamil Nadu, South India.

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The man who is trying to save Venice

Sir Ashley Clarke is known widely in Venice as the Englishman who is doing his best to save the city. If Venetrans sometimes seem to regard this as a outsoite mission, and to leave him to get on with it along with the government in Rome, Unesco, and anyone else who wants to have a try, they nevertheless respective efforts and his presence.

If is the vice-chairman of Venice in peril and among the 30 or so committees in different countries dedicated to avairing Venice from death by flood and pollution, he is the only official with lives there all the time to curry on the work. He has dedicated these years to Venice after a career in the diplamatic service ending with the unusually long period of nine years as ambassadur to Italy.

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On his mission to Venice, Sir Ashley On his mission to venice, are assisty as "Venice is unique, and it's risolately essential to save it. It contains a concentration of European history, and particularly its architecture and art. from the eleventh century onwards."

His efforts are directed at both the par-ricular and the general. He spends his time directing work on the restoration projects which Venice in Peril has under-then; and also lobbying on the larger issues; the legislation to check the pollu-tion of the water and air that is erading issues: the legislation to check the policy of the water and air that is eroding herildings and statues; measures to halt subsidence of the city; and the vast schemes to prevent further flooding.

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"The reason why most of the money silocated for Venice hasn't been spent is that one has to go through so many bureaucratic books to do anything", he says. "The bureaucracy is fantistic. It's not surprising that some people just gave up. Then there's the matter of party nolitics, of jobs for the boys. But things are happening."

are happening.

Sir Ashley is an active member of the Venetians' committee for Venice, and I now everyone connected with the issues, but he devotes a lot of his time to pressing furnard the individual projects that Venice in Peril has organized. One, a six-year test that is now nearing completion, is the restoration of the Church of San Nicolo dei Tendicoli, the second oldest church in Venice, rotted by floodwaters and durt. Another is the restoration of the ornate are happening." nother is the restoration of the ornate Porte della Carta, the entrance to the Doges' Palace, and its statues.

"A large part of my time". Sir Ashley

is spent simply reminding people of drings. I'll telephone a contractor and times weeks ago that it's very important to cet that board fixted in there right away? 'Yes I remember.' Have was done it? First visit in 1932. After the war, I used to so to San Vigilio on Lake Gorda, for my number holidays. I hadn't fully realized that the South was until I went to Florence that time. I hadn't gresped the whole concept of the Renaissance. If you're suddenly hit by the Renaissance at

the age of 29, it's bound to change things.

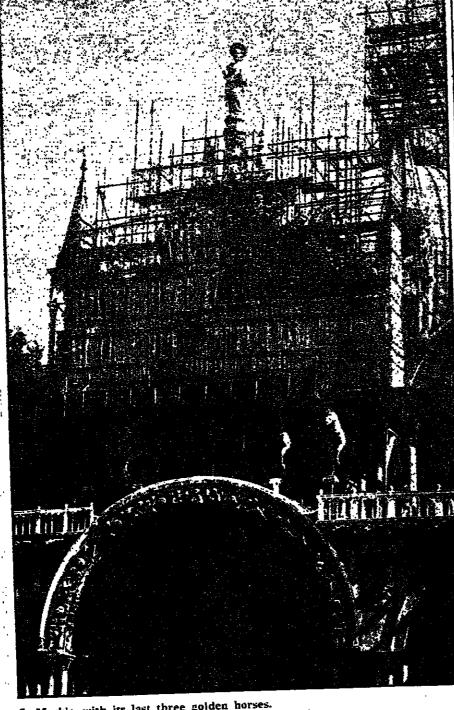
"And when you become involved in Iralian art and music, then it goes on.

When I became ambassador to Italy, I studied the Italian contribution to European pean music. As an undergraduote, it was the music that first attracted me to Germany. The BBC hadn't done its stuff than at 173 has been at 173 has been b men, or I'd have known about the Italians.

then, or I'd have known about the Italians. They've made the British people the most musical people in the world."

After his retirement from the diplomatic service in 1962. Sir Ashley joined a number of committees connected with the arts. He was a governor of the BEC, where he was instrumental in turning Radio 3 briefly into an all-music service, and a member of the governing bodies of, among others, the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal Society of Arts, the D'Oyly Carle Trust and the National Theatre. He was also I ondon advisor to the Bance Commerciale Iraliana.

His involvement with the perils of Venite came by way of Florence, and it began with the disastrous floods of November



St Mark's, with its last three golden horses.

its cultural treasures even more than it did Venice. Franco Zeffirelli had a house in Florence, and when he went there immediately after the waters subsided, he was appalled to find how little was being done to rescue these treasures. He decided to seek help from abroad, and since he had recently directed at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, he turned to its chairman, Lord Drogheda, with a telephone chairman, Lord Drogheda, with a telephone

charman, Lord Drogheda, with a telephone call at four o'clock in the morning.

As Sir Ashley tells it: "Lord Drogheda very kindly waited until half past seven before passing on this charion call to me, as chairman of the British-Italian Society.

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as chairman of the British-Italian Society. We formed a committee, and it was a very distinguished committee. We raised the frame of the fine from the came venice in Peril, and the fine from to Venice to see what could usefully be done there. He had lunch at a restaurant with Francesco Valcanover, who was then superimendant of Galleries and Works of Art. Dr Valcanover said that what they needed badly was a laboratory where they could be to one the very big paintings which are tenore the very big paintings which are characteristic of Venetian art. So a laboratory was created under the direction of Venica in Paril and among other pictures.

two Tintorettos measuring 50 feet by 18 feet were restored there.
Sir Ashley had decided by this time that Sir Ashley had decided by this time that the only way to keen up the momentum of his Venice in Peril work was to be on the spot, so he took it un as a full time job, albeit an unnaid one. "The basic truth about Venice." he says, " is one that I only found out after I'd heen working on the situation for a while. It's this: you have to solve all the problems at once. "The first problem is that Venice is sinking. The second is pollution, industrial pollution and the fumes from the

pollution and the fumes from the removerit and the oil central heating and also ordinary pollution—Venice doesn't have a proper sewage system. The third is that the waters come in from the laguon and flood the city, sometimes hadly, sometimes disastmusly. And the fourth problem is that people are leaving the city, particularly young people.

he would establish industry on the main-land, and provide some extra income and employment for Venice. But he had no idea that it would become such a big thing. Then the second industrial zone was established force in the second industrial zone was established. lished after the war. Thank God they've stopped the plan for a third industrial

"Industry has been pumping water out of the ground, from under Venice, which has been increasing the rate of subsidence. It's also been polluting the waters, and changing totally the character of the

lagoon.

"Now they've built aqueducts to bring water from two rivers, and they've said the emmanies, must use these and mustn't course, it's a problem to get the companies to obey the law, but they are doing it. A law has ben passed on pollution. The pollution of the water and the air is being monitored, and it's showing some improvement.

"Now the Venice authorities are holding

" Now the Venice authorities are holding an international competition to control the an international competition to control the waters that come into and out of the lagoon. The idea is to have some kind of a moveable barrage across the entrances of the lagoon, which would be raised when there's a flood warning. The trouble with this is that you need a constant flow of water into and out of Venice to clear the waters of sewage. Without a proper sewage system, if you blocked the entrance to the lagoon, the situation inside the city would become intolerable after a very

He has no doubt about the rewards of his work. "It's seeing something accomplished. I can look at something like the Church of San Nicolo and see what has been achieved."

"I spent nearly 40 years as a diplomat and in diplomacy, you don't see any ran-gible result. In fact, very often, you know you've succeeded when something doesn't hapnen. The work I'm doing here has

Norman Moss

1955. The floods damaged Florence and Lord Salisbury and the honours scramble

On January 13, 1887 Queen Victoria noted in her journal yet another of the changes in the routine of the Salisbury government that followed the precimite resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill as nation of Lord Randolph Churchill as Chancellor of the Exchequer and the installation of their rather penderous but worthy gentleman. W. H. Smith, in his place as Lender of the House of Commons. "Lord Subjective said he ment to give Mr. Smith all the patterne, excepting Bishops and Honours.

Despite what seemed at the time a sensible division of labour, there must have been maneaus during the part few

sensible division of labour, there must have been maneurs during the next few menths when a harassed and often vexed Prime Minister wished he had given Smith jurisdiction over the latter matter as well. As George Taubman Goldie, founder of the Royal Niger Company, wester to the Earl of Lothon, Loyd Chamberlain "Everyone oll over British tooding any experts to secure come immunity. territors expects to secure some monour

in Jubilee year."

Goldie was quite right to suggest right the level of expectations about homours was exceedingly high in 1887, but it would be wrong to think it was solely interest to the Golden Jubilee of the Queen. In these expectations had been proving fact these expectations had been growing steadily for rears, the result of new wealth, as imperial regime and political instability, all of which produced a good deal of stress and the clear beginnings of change in the existing system. The Jubilee assisted this development, in be sure, but the lung columns of names of the newly decorated and employed which were published on Jubilee De. ad mor

To the Marques of Salisbury, very much a believer in the small and highly select humans system initiated by Sir Robert Peel and bared largely on considerations of merit the changes at hund-were baiely appaising. Reviewed by literally dozens of begging letters from gandemen who even 10 years before would never trace dured to write, he seems to have taken no compact from the knowledge that there was an impersond and long term tread at work and instead resolved to stand against the times and leep things as near to what they had always been us possible. But this was mut

to be easy.

The advent of empire had, for instance, changed the honours system permanently, nothing the way to the future. The

Order of the Star of India although created in 1861, did not become a full order with all the classes of knights and companions until 1876. Another Indian order, called the Indian Empire, followed in 1878 and about the same time the in 1375 and about the same time the Order of St. Michael and St. George, once limited to the reward of citizens of the lonian islands, was enlarged to permit nominations from throughout the

Later, in September, 1886, the Distinguished Service Order was created to reward military bravado but managed to reward manacy bravado our managed to consecraticism from those who feared this further extension of the honours system, especially since there was no limit to the number of gentlemen who might hold it.

The DSO was not the only extension in the boso was not the only extension in the honorrs system in 1886, however, for it was thought necessary to reward those who had taken part in the Colonial and Indian Exhibition by ordering a size-ship increase in the Order of St Michael and St Course.

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Ordinarily these "extra" members, as they were called, would have waited for attrition in the membership so as to become regular members, but because of the necessity of awarding places in the order on the occasion of the first Colonial Conference in 1887 and the Golden Jubilee this course was impossible. In March, 1887, Lord Salisbury found he had to recommend a large increase in the public of knights and companions in the number of knights and companions in the order. Pari passu once the colonial order had been enlarged it was difficult to haid the line in the Indian orders, and there-fore in February 1887, at the time of the Jubilee celebrations in India, tie Order of the Indian Empire was enlarged to include knights grand cross and knights

communicateder. Between these two orders alone nearly 300 new titles of knighthood had been created, and while in practice some gentlemen might hold places in two and more rerely three orders simultaneously (and some night be peers), it was undeniable that the creation of new language was large.

undentable that the creation of new homours was very large.

The sort of change that was occurring in relation to the knightly orders was taking place, too, with regard to the hereditary honours. But here the unstable political situation was at least partly to blame. By the eightles it was established practice that

upon a dissolution of Parliament or change of government there would be an honours list, mainly hereditary awards and knighthoods.

knighthoods.

In the haleyon period of mid-Victorian stability this custom had little effect in increasing the number of hereditary honours. Between 1868 and 1885 there were only three ministries. But then come the sea change largely due to the squahles about Irish Home Rule: between 1885 and 1886 there were also three ministries, all of which produced complete honours lists, partly as large as they were because of the need to reward heavy contributors to party funds.

to party funds.
Salisbury found the entire situation sausoury round the entire struction most alarming since the end result threatened to be an honours system of no damned merit about it", a delightful phrase Lord Melhourne once used.

Thus when it came time to draw up the Jubilee honours list at did so with a mind towards keeping people off rather than

putting them un at.

And when he chanced to be Prime
Minister again at the time of the Diamond
Jubilee in 1897 he took considerable pleasure in reducing the number of names

ent to the Queen.

The voluble dia ist Sir r.dward Hamilton reported that his friend Sir Horace Farquhar expected a peerage in recognition of the control of nition of the large amounts of money he had subscribed to the Unionist party, heinnad subscribed to the unionist party, being confident he had given more than the "accepted tarift". However, he found such claims in a period of political stability did not carry the weight they had carried 10 years before. Thus Salishars and all to make forms programme. bury was able to make fewer recommendations for hereditary awards at the time of the Diamond Jubilee than he had on the occasion of its predecessor, and Sir

Horsee was not among them.
He was not, of course, able to hold back the tide as regards the burgeoning member of honours, despite his revested attempts of honours, despite his revested attempts and sales; indeed to keep the list small and select; indeed powerds the end of his premiership the the gazettes became even more frequent. New Year and Birthday honours having been introduced to appease the desire of his followers for decorations and ribands. It was not a change Salisbury at all liked, but like so min. Conservative Prime Ministers in their time, he came to accept the inevitable.

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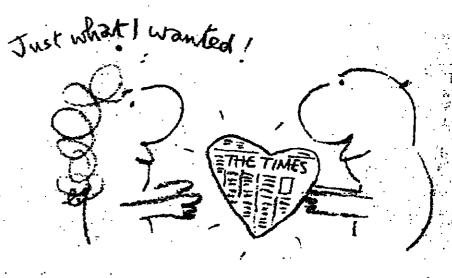
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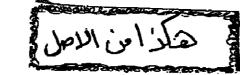


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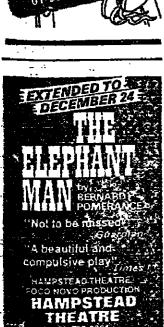
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tographic and archaeological skills. Never married and (since it is now the fashion to consider alternative distractions) no homosexual Kitchener dedi-cated his life to the military and administrative service of his country and its empire. His humour was rare and grim; he could be evasive and devious; he was remote rather than aloof; yet he possessed a humanimarianism which was advanced for his day, much in evidence in his attitude to the defeated Boers—in marked con-trast to his foolish treatment of the Irish some years later. And if any one man was responsible for the reforms that licked two stagnating armies into shape—the Indian and the

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But one should not split hears even over the split infinitives the author seems to favour. He the author seems to favour. He has taken such pains particularly to balance his personal admiration for Kitchener with a clear catalogue of the man's deficiencies experience and achievements were not only irrelevant but sometimes positive handicaps. Nevertheless, as Professor Cassar shows so lucidly, Kitchener gresped the elements of an impreceden-AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Old Bond St. W.1. 01-629 6176, MASTER DRAW-INGS unill 22 December. Mon-Irl. 9.30-5.30, Thurs, unill 7. BELCRAYE GALLERY, 17 Motomb GENEVIEVE COUTEAU Paintings of Bath. 235 0066. BERTISH MUSEUM. ANIMALS IN ART. 1'nil 25 Feb. Nikdys. 10-6. Suna. 2:30-6. Adm. free. the elements of an umprecedented situation as much as most, while as Secretary of State for War his presence in government was a vitably important factor in the maintenance of public

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Even when he had lost the support of the majority of his colleagues, political and military, Kitchener had to be sustained in office as a matter of national necessity, with the result that his attempts at resignation were always rejected. Kitchener was no friend of journalists, yet except for Northchiffe's contemptible attacks, which rebounded violently, the press dealt with the War Minister honourably.

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Sir Williem Robertson, who was variously a Trooper and Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and who was certainly no friend or admirer of Kitchener to begin with, wrote that "no man in any of the Estents comprises accomplished Entente countries accomplished more, if as much, to bring about the final defeat of the ". And so the author of this book concludes.

Laurence Cotterell

Coming shortly Patrick Diury, Stephanie Turner, Donald Churchill, Nigel Ambony and Di Trevis head the cast of Richard C'Keeffe's play. Pinch-Me-Not, which opens at the Grecowich Theatre on December 14. The play will be directed by John Tydeman and designed by Peter Rice.

Richard O'keeffe has had several plays performed on radio and television; Pinch-Me-Not is his first work for the

5. For one week, from January 9. "Pirate Jenny" will appear in Our Own People, by David Edgar, directed by Waster Denohue and designed by Di Seymour. The play deals with a Government court of inquiry into a strike against discrimination by Asian workers at a Yorkshire weaving mill in 1975. and was specially commissioned from David Edger, the author of Destinu, performed this year by the RSC at the Aldwych Thearre. The performances at the Theatre Upstairs are part of "Pirate lenov's" national tour of Our Own People.



has not made the girl pregnant but Henry Trebell—bachelor, barrister, independent politician with a passionate belief in the

disestablishment of the English Church—bas. The hero of Waste stays at the heart of the plot, and at the end he shoots

maseir.

Barker's third acts are his most obviously "Shavian". The male leaders of the pack gather to discuss the ethics of their profession and their ractical

powers over one another. In the end they are forced to make an uncomfortable collective

choice: Public honour is pre-served. In Waste Trebell's

scandel has broken and a Tory inner Cabinet on the eve of

office argues the consequences on their plans to use him to effect disestablishment. As a dramatic representation of the way English politicians talk, think and come to a decision, this art is consequent to a decision,

this act is superior to anything

in Shaw or anyone else before or since: compare only the evasive and shallow caricatures of today. Andre Morell, Robert

himself.

served.

tion is ceptral to the drama but Lang and Stephen Murray who is not seen in the play played it within a knife's edge again. Here is the first distinction of Waste: Phillip Madras delicately withdrew in time. I

Paul Daneman and Hannah Gordon

Waste

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Michael Ratcliffe Having made something of a false start with You Never Can Tell, David Jones's season for "Play of the Month" moved firmly into its stride with this riveting and intelligent produc-tion of Harley Granville Barker's Waste (1907), an event as re-vealing for this year's Barker centenary as Peter Hall's production of The Madras House at the National Theatre last June. Waste and The Madras House share many similarities

sion of 1936 which Jones and his director Don Taylor used the lesser-known Waste is the better piece. Both plays start with a brilliant ensemble of powerful English men and women—commercial in The Modras House,

and in some ways—at least in the latter much-improved revi-

political in Waste—working hard at weekend play. Both move on to the hero in his office confronted by an attractive and intransigent young woman, whose pregnant condi-James Bowman/

Christopher Hogwood

Both alumni of the Early Music

tributed match to our understanding of pre-classical music.

At their recital on Saturday

night, however, they seemed to

need help. Mr Hogwood did say some few words about each of his keyboard items, but the

bulk of the programme, which consisted of seventeenth-century vocal music, was given

with no programme notes, and few translations of text

Sexual Perversity in

Chicago/Duck

Now one might claim that Mr

forgotten that v

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Paul Griffiths

Bowman's artistry is sufficient alone to impart a sense of a song, and indeed it sometimes was. Even so. Sigismondo Even so, Sigismondo was. Even so, Sigsmondo d'India is not a name on every-body's lips, and it would have helped if the audience could have been told how his work his into the pattern of Italian music at the time of Monte-pardi Similarly Comilia event. verdi. Similarly, Capallic nave-seemed more than just another jolly little song if we had known what it is about, which Consort James Bowman and character sings it, and where it appears in his Elena rapita da Yet it was not only the

absence of information that lessened pleasure at this recital. I generally have some feeling of peril when bistening to the counter-tenor voice, but here Mr Bowman caused more than the usual concern on several occasions. He was insecure in

"The duck's life is not all

Spear, brings one topic to a halt with: "If it's false, I don't want to bear it. If it's true, I

Some of that play is very enjoyable, but I understand

that there are more variations

we did not hear. We did not need to. We did not need to hear everything we heard. It demonstrated Mr Mamet's fine ear for dialogue and the diffi-

culty of saying serious things, but it demonstrates it very

early on and goes no farther

Mamer's intentions are more obscure. To believe that the

woman-baiting the two male characters indulge in is no more

than it seems may by a slur.

In Sexual Perversity Mr

don't want to know".

than that

indiscriminate one and, some-times, imprecise pitch. I missed, too, his old rattling virtuosity; without it the voice can easily sound prim. Despite these limitations, however, Mr Bowman gave

found it spellbinding.

It has always been easy to point out Barker's deficiencies

a cavalier attitude to con

struction and character, with at times an all too determined eccentricity, for example—but his virtues are more important

now. He can write genuinely

sexy dia sue; he is consistently disconcerring. Mr

sistently disconcerring. Mr Taylor's direction brought out both these qualries most strongly in the two long scenes between Henry (Paul Daneman)

and the unfortunate Amy O'Connell (Haunah Gordon)—

powerful, embarrassing, memorable—and even pulled the slack fourth act into shape, enormously helped by Annette

Crosbie's performance as Henry's sister, whose lifetime of watchful devotion suddenly

threatened to spill into another quite different play. As Waste came to an end in suicide, bitterness and deep unforgiving

anger one was left with the feeling that Granville-Barker had all the material in hand to

the upper register, and his loud notes tended to be bellows of

start at once on that.

excellent and moving accounts least a setting of a Petracusonnet by the aforementioned d'India and two hymns by Pelham Humfrey-Donne "Hymn to God the Father", in particular, solemnity of the baroque, and like all the other vocal pieces in this recital, it was very taste-fully accompanied by Mr Hog-wood. But again, it would have been nice to know something about the fine harpsichord and chamber organ on which he played. was intended, the direction by Albert Takazauckas did not let

briefly, tentatively the paths of communication. The men con-verse on death, the struggle to survive and a wide range of serious subjects, using the sub-ject of ducks as their touchstone to triviality.

Ned Chaillet The mere mention of the title

Variations

Regent

of one of David Mamet's plays, Sexual Perversity in Chicago, has been enough to ban its name from some of the national dailies, at least as advertising. Even more liberated dailies might have trouble finding many quotable lines from the harrage of several shows and barrage of sexual abuse and oredatory commentary on women that that pley offers. And the extraordinary adver-And the extraordinary anvertising picture, in newspapers, on poster and on the programme, of a woman's bare bottom and long, seamed stockings (when only panty-hose rate a mention in the text, the middle of the content of the conten it might be added) ensure that titillation will be the main inducement. But that is the second of two plays and the first bears separate considera-

Duck Variations, a play for two men on a park bench, fills the first half of the evening. Cast in dialogue which is banal, cliché-ridden and often surprisingly funny, it examines

In spite of the enthusiastic

Edinburgh notices on this Pros-

pect Theatre production, Thurs-

day's empty scars in the Vic suggests that it has not yet found its proper audience. So

for any spectator who relishes the classical experience of see-ing universal emotions bursting

through the shell of a period

There is, of course, a good

deal of interest in observing the skill with which Dryden

reconstructed Antony and Cleo-

patra for the Restoration pub-

lic: the building-up of Octavia

as Cleopatra's rival and the use of the crafty eunuch Alexas as a dustbin for all discredit-

able Egyptian characteristics.

But as soon as you start

itemizing the changes, it appears that Dryden is merely,

narrowing his English model, whereas the actual effect of confining the action to a sexual

All for Love

Irving Wardle

Old Vic

ştyle.

but if irony, or the more remote possibility that he meant to show how make role-playing separates men from women, tense and truthful a drama of divided loyalities as our stage

Frank Hauser's production is a major act of rehabilitation, which triumphs in putting his torical accuracy to expressive use. Simply staged and opu-lendy costumed by Nicholas Georgiadis, it is peopled by actors who really know how to wear those outsize perukes and of Dryden's tragedy is not simply addressed to the kind of playgoers who collect rare shows like matchboxes or souvenir lump sugar. It is a small simply addressed to the kind of playgoers who collect rare shows like matchboxes or souvenir lump sugar. It is a small simply addressed that this revival exokes a Poussin painting exokes a Poussin painting to see those antique postures animated by immediate passions. Second the same passions are passions. swirling draperies. The stage excel in finding true feeling within even the most formal flourishes of Augustan diction : achieving pathos, fury, and even broad laughs in the most

The great master of this is Robert Eddison's silky, nuanced Alexas, who reveals his character in a single-terrified line "I'm not prepared", where for once his voice rises above the sotto voce. As the lovers, Barbara Jefford's imperially submissive Cleopatra and John Turner's med-bull Antony mar-vellously combine heroic forwith down-to-earth mality human detail; and there is a superb Octavia by Suzanne Bertish, radiating conscious virtue in a way that illuminates the central pair as much as hertug of war, unrelieved even by the

unpromising lines.

hearts and flowers", one man says, opening up the possibili-ties of deeper conversation, but it is not allowed to go too far The stroppier of the two, Emil, in a superbly studied comic performance by Remard

stud, impeccably played by Kenneth Nelson, is a despiser of women, and probably a liar and a homosexual. The more likable male, Stephen Hove's amiable Danny, is at first refreshingly modest and loving, bur when his new affair begins to crack he descends easily to sexual insult and taunts. His girlfriend moves from cute jokes to nasty wisecracks and finally comes to blame herself for the collapse of the affair and, though Glory Annen brings charm and a refreshing openness to the part, the character is fated to be a professional

it show.

Certainly the loud-mouthed

Mr Mamet's reputation is rapidly growing in Afferica and these early plays may be an unfair example of his full talent. Though he uses the American language in an interesting way which is occasionally sympath-etic ("You're trying to under-stand women and I'm confusing you with information") and more often funny, there is live-lier American dialogue and far more coherent moral statements in, for instance, the crime novels of George V. Higgins. And, whatever the value of these plays, it does not do to sell them with naked bottoms.

Pitlochry in 1978

Pitlochry Festival Theatre's 1978 season will run from April 7 to September 30, including a four-day spring mini-festival (April 7-10), and two three-day series of spring weekend attrac-tions before the main season starts on April 28.

The drama programme consists of The Tempest by William Shakespeare; Know Your Own Mind, presumably the Scottish premiere of Arthur Scottish premiere of Arthur Murphy's comedy of manners written in 1777; The Caucasian Chalk Circle, by Berthold Brecht; A Cup of Kindness, by Ben Travers; While the Sun Shines, by Terence Rattigan; The Shooting-Range, a new play by the Scottish writer, Eric MacDonald; and Mulligan's Last Case, a new comedy by the London Scot. Izin Blair, From London Scot, Iain Blair, From mid-June it will be possible to

see six plays in six days. Carols at St Martin's

There will be a programme of Christmas carols, poems and stories at St Martin in the Fields at 1 pm on December 16. The actors and singers include Judi Dench, Peter Gale, Alec Mc-Gowan, Julia McKenzie and Michael Williams. No admittance charge, but a collection will be taken for the church's

social services unit.

Good helping of tripe

Fosdyke II

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Ned Chaillet

family, having scrambled their way to the top of the tripe trade and moved to the promised land of Manchester, are not without enemies. Roger Ditchley, who seduced Victoria Fosdyke and abandoned her and who lost his tripe empire to Sir Josiah Fos-dyke, has plots to smash the Fosdykes which range from importing opkin tripe from Hong-kong to creating the Tripenstein monster—a giant tripe worm with a brain—to finally bringing about the end of the world. Fosdyke II, the sequel to the first successful staging of Tidy's comic-strip epic, The Fosdyke Saga, brings all these events into the any Bush Theatre. It also presents the Lancashire Everest expedition, which places a carr of Fosdyke's tripe on the top of Mount Everest, a world beavyweight boxing match in New York, an expedition to the Amazon, and nearly witnesses the admittance of the

Fosdyke women into the all-powerful, all-male Manchester Tripe Exchange.

shire art form. The villain can be hissed at, there are songs to Bill Tidy's fearless Fosdyke cast and Sir Josiah is ever in pursuit of profit, autographing his picture for a small fee be-fore the play begins.

The company are guided through their multiple roles by Mike Bradwell, changing, as Malcolm Ranson does, from being a Fosdyke, to being a Chinese kenry on the Street of One Thousand Tripe Dens, to becoming Cringing Bert Rumbold, the British heavyweight champion. There are delight-

tic form is like seeing. Punch

and Judy become real people, or discovering that the comme

din dell'arte was a native Lanca-

ful characterizations from the entire company, including to name them all, Micky O'Dono-ghue as Sir Josiah and Tripen-stein, Jim Broadbent as the vilstein, Jim Broadbent as the vil-lain, singing "I'm rotten old Roger Ditchley", Hazel Clyne as the lusty Victoria, and Marie Green as her mother and an Oriental kung-in fighter. Charlie Grima delivers a worthy drum solo among his other perform-ances, and Steve Halliwell is the legeodery Lancashire legeodary Lancashire

It is evoberant, primitive theatre, lacking perhaps, a dramatic framework, but so spiced with funny lines and

boisterous performances that it will defeat most objections.

Seeing how Alan Plater has fitted these events into drama-

The Taming of the Shrew :

Covent Garden

John Percival It was a much spunkier per-formance of The Shrew that we saw at Covent Garden on Saturday-than when the work was new to the Royal Ballet's repertory last February. Merle Park especially is now far more inside Kate's skin. I think that ideally there might be a little more heaviness in the shambling tread she adopts, but she

has found her own ways of bringing the character to life. Do not miss the look of dis-gust with which she tries to assuage hunger by biting her bridal lily when robbed of her wedding supper, nor the despair that leads her to plonk an empty bucket over her head before settling down for the night in Front of the dead kitchen fire. It is not only a question of acting; she now adds a smiling toughness to the dances that brings our their expressive quality.

The swaggering brusqueness of David Wall's Petruchio abets her admirably, and there is an undertow of affection in their

duets to defuse what might otherwise be the offensiveness of the joke about Kate's taming. Cranko's choreography was so perfectly tailored for its original protagonists that anyone who saw Haydee and Cragun is likely to find something missing from any replacement, but Park and Wall wear the borrowed plumes with great style.

Derek Deane, although suffer-ing similar invidious comparison, brings an apt lugubrious-ness to Cranko's concept of Gremio as a disintegrating roue with an everlasting cold. Michael Coleman's saturnine forpishness as Hortensin, out-standing at the Royal Ballet's premiere, is as funny as ever but now matched by the greater conviction of his colleagues.

The general improvement in the playing is reinforced by the only newcomer in a solo role, Julian Hosking as Lucentio. His blond, boyish good looks and bland romantic manner admirably suit Cranko's treatment of character as a smoothic pulling a fast one on his rivals. The crowd scenes remain enjoyably spirited, but I wonder why it is that the three men and the three women of the pas de six still cannot always keep properly in time with one another?

London debuts

a vocal nonet under the direction of Terry Edwards and Geoffrey Shaw, made its debut Geoffrey Shaw, made its debut at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, acoustically less than ideal, yet beautiful to behold and right in every other way for a choice programme ranging from Lassus and Byrd to the present day.

Another debut prevented me from hearing the older music. Nevertheless Britten's daringly imaginative Sacred and Profane, a late (1975) cycle of eight medieval lyrics, at once revealed that individual voices had been hand-picked, and that already the ensemble was well on the way towards the precision of an instrumental group in textures often requiring the flexibility, agility and varied attack of instruments. In Daryl Runswick's brand new The Phoenix and the Turtle, the singers did in fact have to play percussion as well, with double bass cadenzas from the composer himself linking the three sections. It was an exotic little aviary of sound, multum in parvo, with acknowledged salutes to Stravinsky becoming the clearer as thought progressively deepened.

How the Brazilian pianist,
Maria Alice Coelho, would have

fared in the classics is anyone's guess. But she came only to pl Villa-Lobos and her slightly more contemporary compariot, Claudio Santoro. In these luxuriantly exotic regions she impressed me equally with her poetry in jungle mystery and animation in response to the dance, always drawing and animaton in response to the dance, always drawing warm and richly varied sono-rity from the keyboard. I much regretted being able to hear

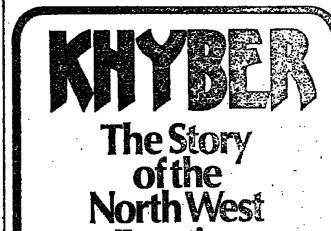
only half the programme. The flute-playing of the Ger-man-born Marianne Ehrhardt

London Voices, describable as suggested great readiness to ness I missed the urgeucy of expression that with some artists breaks through limita-tions of dynamics and colour. Schubert's "Trock'ne Blumen" variations seemed interminable in consequence, and even the exquisite slow movement of Bach's E flat sonta was less than usually poignant. But her poise in this and other early works should not be underestimated. Naomi Davidov was an alert keyboard partner.

Joan Chissell

inspire -Guiterists who enthusiasm are a rarity in this column, but one such is Turan-Mirza Kamal, a Siberian Tartar born in Indonesia and living in California. Instead of the feeble and apologetic murmurings often heard from debutants on this instrument, we were surprised with resonant performances shaped not only with technical mas-tery but also by a real musical personality. Bach's E major Partitu, more familiar in the version for solo violin, was played with a definess and cient to convince one that it was originally composed for the lute. An undisputable lute piece, Mounsiers Almaine by the Elizabethan Daniel Eachelaer, was heard, for once, in its complete form, and there was plenty of fire, and a significant range of nuance, in items such as Maza's Petenera and Zapa-tendo. And one followed with interest every note of Ponce's Theme Varie et Finale, on extended work that so many guitarists make so boring.

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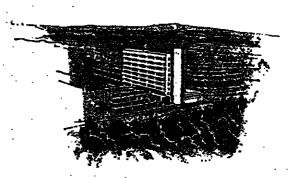
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Why England headlines are just a blanket covering a sick patient

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The final formaticies of England's elimination having been irried out by Italy on Saturday, a cra is closed. There is still itterness ower the Don Revie (lair, but it provided a scapenal and an opportunity to became fresh. This time the FA seemed the taking care not to make be wrong choice. Of the candities known to have been confidered mone has unanimous support but one, Ron Greenwood, as the strongest claim. His haracter and attitude to football re international and therein may the answer to a fundamental ersonal criticism of his triability of become a complete success at omestic level.

equal importance to be constdered by the FA and it is known that they began studying the broad future of the game shortly after being rudely awakened by Mr Revie's departure. The head-lines conversing England have the same in a sick patient—she game it countries. Even the Brazilian team manager has said the moral decline which incorporates brooliganism and standards of hooliganism and standards of the League game seems undectided about its course of action. One two clubs have positively changed direction towards a more skill swhereas before they revealed a sense of inadequacy by relying up on stamina and that abominable modern term, the "closing down" of other teams. Coverty City are vastly more entertaining even if the visik being routed. They only drew with Bristol City on Saturdards of the World Cup. Both teams are being routed the hooliganism and standards of the long the hooliganism and the fall in the standards of the league of the long the hooliganism



Chelsea's loose sections punished

If many people at Stamford Bridge on Saturday thought Everton were not the stuff of potential champions, few would have put forward alternative suggestions. Nottingham Forest had not impressed the Chelsea crowd who saw them lose 1—0 a month before. In fact no visiting team has yet scored more than two goals to Stamford Bridge this season t Stamford Bridge this season nd Everton found sections of the helsea team excellent opposition. Other parts were loose and given o basic errors that any efficient irst division side should punish. Everton were efficient and won

The result was less surprising The result was less surprising than the margin. The week before Everton had scored six and Thelsea conceded six, but these lays no manager worth his free allon of Scotch is going to accept uch evidence as reason to change us outlook. Everton had clearly been told that Chelsea were not a ad team at home. With Gordon see in charge there is never a langer of becoming "showy", thich is the other word of warning such teams receive in these towards Pejic and Wood who seemed to be queuing to clear the such teams receive in these ball. A hand pushed it away. If it was Pejic's he must have had layer on their staff—NcKenzie—as a spectator—more is the pity ecause the game needed some pice.

Mr Lec is not, we are told. ig such teams receive in these irconstances. The only "showy" layer on their staff—McKenzie—

totally against showmen but he be-lieves in the importance of indi-viduals knowing their places within the system. He talks of needing one or two more backup components as if about to change spark plags, and he seems to have contempt for anyone who praises one of his players.

Someone suggested that Wood,

the young goalkeeper, had made two fine saves. "Which ones?" he asked. "Oh. Reaction saves. That's nothing. That's not what goalkeeping's about." Most of the things that the crowd seemed to find interesting were irrelevant in Mr Lee's book, particularly the incident that could have had an important bearing on the result. Everton had scored after 53 minutes with a header from Lanchford and they had the measure of Chelsea after the country of the charges that follows the charges the charges the charges the charges the charges that follows the charges the cha surviving two chances that fell to Cooke whose inaccuracy in shooting was ar odds with his skilful passing. There was a quarter of an hour left when Wicks headed down towards Pejic and Wood who

Britton lashed the ball wide. Everton knew what they were doing, and always had done. It was as if they were taking Chelsea for a walk in the park. They let them run but only as far as the penalty area where Higgins, Jones and Pejic were solid. They allowed Cooke a yard start and regularly caught him. Wilking they respected because he was in such a bad mood, chasing them with uncharacteristic renom, but they never allowed anyone to take midfield control away from Buckley, Dobson and King.

Chelsea might have given

Chelsea might have given Chelsea might have given Everton more trouble if they had scored early in the match when they worked hard and with some imagination. In the end though, they lacked power in their attack. Latchford, so much more confident and impressive here than at Wembley, was just the sort of player they could have used. In many ways however, Chelsea's far from complete team were the more engaging. more engaging.

CHELSEA: P. Bonehl: R. Harris, J. Spairtow, I. Britton, M. Droy, S. Wicks, T. Aylon, R. Wikins, T. Lingley, K. Swain, C. Cooke 184b, R. Lewington; EVERTON: G. Wood: D. Jones, M. Pelic, M. Lyons, M. Higgins, M. Buckley, A. King, M. Dobson, R. Latchford, J. Pearson, D. Thomas, Referre: M. Taylor (Deal).

December day has sharper edge than West Ham attack

The unaccustomed hint of grey The unaccustomed hint of grey on Liverpool's horizon is conceding room to a rosier tint again. Two goals without reply against West Ham United gives the champions two league wins in succession and while there is little remarkable in that, or in the way they beat the London side at Anfield, it should add a strengthening strut to their self-confidence after an unparalleled sequence of five league matches without a win. West Ham's outlook for the West Ham's outlook, for the moment at least, is towards that bumpy, twisting road away from the foot of the table. They are not unfamiliar with it, which is a disappointing commentary on the rewards for so consistently setting out to play foretructurely. West out to play constructively. West Ham's problem in particular on Saturday was that a raw December day had a far sharper cutting edge than they had.

Liverpool's uncertainties, measured by their own sounding line, have by no means disappeared to the depths of the Mersey. Thompson is still in the process of reestablishing himself. That old rapport with Hughes remains to be welded and West Ham located channels through the middle of be welded and West Ham located channels through the middle of Liverpool's defence. Up front, Dalglish seems to be in a phase where he needs more time and room to take aim. He is a different type of player from Keegan, whose place he took; less given to mimble, nagging pressure on opponents, less likely to do the unexpected. It will be absorbing to compare their respective styles pean Companies when the European Cup Winners' Cup, at Anfield tomorrow.

Paradoxically, Thompson and

A day when the feet ran

Dalglish took the principal roles in scoring Liverpool's first goal towards the end of the opening half. McDermott, who worked effectively along the right side for much of the match, placed a corner kick to Thompson whose header seemed to go in as Dalglish hovered around Day, but advice from the dressing room at half-time credited the Scot with the last touch. Liverpool had been within the thickness of a post of me last touch, laverpoot had been within the thickness of a post of scoring twice before as both McDermott and Kennedy struck the woodwork. But it was a bit barsh on West Ham to be a goal behind at the halfway stage. Brooking and Curbishley guided them in quick, next rounds of passing but their prime marksmen let them down.

The Londoners were pushed back in a quick flowing second half as Heighway and Fairclough began to tax them more and the loss of Taylor with a leg injury hardly helped to stiffen them. A dozen corners to Liverpool reflect the way they pressed forward while West Ham's still measured while West Ham's still measured touches often took them nowhere. Eight minutes from the end they were finally beaten. Heighway's corner from the left surprisingly eluded reaching heads and hands and was hoisted back from the right into the congestion around goal where Fairclough once again demonstrated his knack of getting to the right spot at the propitious moment.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence: P. Neal T. Smith. P. Thompson, R. Kennedy E. Hughes. R. Dalgish. D. Fairclough S. Hoighway. T. McDermott. I Celladian.

Ball puts gentleman's nose out of joint

While Tortenham Hotspur and outhampton were setting a match a competitive bonfire on a tter day when even an eskimo ild have elected to stay in Fulham were doing their bit both these teams on the other of these teams on the other of London by surprisingly ting Bolton Wanderers, the and division leaders. As a 1st, it was Southampton who e best out of the promotion with a goalless but enterly draw at White Bart Lane.

nave achieved this without of their regular players. suspended or injured— Peach, Nicholl and ski—was a particular their caps, and showed Southampton of the r have added a new steel ieit game. The man respons-ble for this surely is Ball, whose enthusiasm and drive on this casion raised a distant echo of

marked before the kick-off that it would be a walkover for Spurs.
Yet, as so often happy the cotaunversatures rose to the cota-

The patched-up defence saw the youthful Sharpe and Phillipson-Masters, a centre-half of hyphenated splendour achieve a new stature as they absorbed all the conductors of the patched of t carly attacking pressures of Taylor, Duncan, and Lee and the creative midfield probings of McNab and Hoddle, finally to drain them dry of new ideas.
For half an hour it seemed that the blue-nosed gentleman's pre-diction would be correct. As Mc-Nab and Hoddie stoked the Tortenham attack and Taylor spun a clever web on the right touchline. it seemed only a matter of time before the Spurs' goals would arrive. Yet the longer the match unwound, the more watertight Southampton grew at the back, so that the nearest Tortenham got to casion raised a distant echo of a efforts for England in the ord Cup of 1966. Ten years y have blurred his skills, but this spirit.

The way he marshalled his form in a fighting rearguard action to put out of joint the blue se of the gentleman who re-

Southampton had two reasonable chances of sneaking both polats. Early on a huge, purited clearance by Wells salled over the whole Spurs defence to leave Williams, following up hard, alone in front of goal. He shot wide. Later, a bad square pass by Perryman was intercepted by the lively, combative Boyer who was through only to shoot at Daines's legs.

For the rest it was McNab and Tottenham in a freezy of attack as Southampton ducked and weared clererly against the ropes, and themselves mounted the occas-ional counterpunch through Ball, Williams, and Boyer. The Saints went marching home with a wellcarned draw, as Spurs failed to score for the third consecutive time. Perhaps they are saving up something for Christmas. something for Christmas.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: B. Dulnes:
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Perryman, J. Pralt, N. McNab, J.
Duncan, C. Lee, P. Taylor,
SOUTHAMPTON: P. Wells: M. Waliron, J. Sharpe, S. Williams, F. Philipson-Masters, M. Pickering, A. Ball,
P. Bayer, E. MacDougall, N. Holmes,
S. Neville.

Royle could exploit Whitehead's talents

Tom Freeman
Coventry City's challenge for League championship is not disappear into the mists of e they will have to learn not throw away home points as ixtravagamily as they did on saturday, when, after completely dominating the first half, they allowed Bristol City to make all the running in the second, and force a 1-1 draw.

Understandably after their 6-0 hammering at Goodison Park the previous week, Coventry were

hammering at Goodison Park the grevious week. Coventry were assious to reestablish themselves in front of their own supporters, and to prove that the Everton affair was a temporary aberration. This they did, quickly asserting their superiority and forting the hard-pressed Bristol defence into a number of errors, from one of which they scored. After half an our Oakey, overlapping on the tht and taking a long pass from rath which the Bristol defenders bably thought was going over 1 line, put over a mert cross et up a simple goal for Fereign and the simple task of put-

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to the second natt, nowever, Coventry soon found themselves busily defending, having lost all their sharpness and determination. Bristol, for their part, had found some unexpected attacking enthusiasm, and moved forward more and more meaningly.

Second division

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ting it into the net. Coventry tried desperately to retrieve the situation. But it was too late. They had paid for their compla-They had paid for their complacency.

Royle could make a great difference to Bristol, who are still flading the first division a tough competition, and who are still playing with that tight inferiority comolex that one associates with newly promoted teams. Apart from anything else, Royle could exploit the skill of Whitehead, one of the smoothest movers in the game, whose talents, one feels, have yet to be fully revealed though he has made over 80 aperarances.

Coventry have certainly removed the spectre of the Everton defeat Coventry have certainly removed the spectre of the Everton defeat but their performance was hardly the cause for jubilation.

COVENTRY CITY: J. Bigin: G. Caley. R. McDonald. T. Yorath. J. March. M. Cap. D. Nordelly. J. Wallace. M. Ferguson. B. Powell, T. Hurdistan.

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8RISTOL CITY: J. Shaw: G. Seveney, G. Merrick, P. Cosmool, G. Collier, N. Hunter, T. Talator, T. Ettchie, J. Royle, D. Gliles, G. Whitehead.

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Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet).

Third division

nave had a tew words of advice for the young maestro as he goes to Lancaster Gane this morning to be interviewed for the England manager's position. Being a manager's position. Being a manager's position. Sir Aff would to call infuself now, Sir Aff would create have been as ideal counsurely have been an ideal coun-sellor or diplomacy. I doubt, though, whether there was any-thing he could teach him about managing a football team.

On Saturday the two men only crossed swords on the field of combat, with Mr Clough's Nottingham Forest emerging clear cut witners by 2—0 on the home ground of Birmingham City. And yet for all their differences their achievements have an obvious similarity. Both have inspired successful if not always magical sides from limited resources.

This then is what Mr Clouch must lay before the Football Association today—his record, and let it tell its own story. Never mind the recent outburst, attacking the West Bromwich Albion management, out of place though It was. The man loves the game passion was unfortunately. managing a football team.

By Clive White

management out of place mount it was. The man loves the game passionately. Passion was unfortunately, though, the preventing quality of Saturday's earne which was placed in the rue helter skelter tradition of English football. It was a came where the feet ran away with the head. The pressure reading went to because of a goal famine at Birmincham, who now have one point from the past four games. Forest looked what they are: a well-halanced team of willing Individuals who are ready to play their way out of and around trouble. Birmincham, as Sir Alf admined afterwards, were no match With the obvious exception of Francis they showed a serious deficiency in the basics.

Fourth division

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Scottish first division

away with the head Mr Clough's manipulation of an By Clive White

If Sir Alf Ramsey and Brian
Clough were the best of pals
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The roung magetto is the roung of Burns to Forest in the close season before Sir Alf took charge was not a good start to team rebuilding. If the reformed Burns—just one in a well-mannered side (FA please note)—continues to behave himself he will have been worth founde f150,000. Strange that the Birmingham crowd should see this cheeky rascal as a villain now. He was, in fact, candoned for handling the ball, thereby denving Francis a sure goal.

The bulging midriff of Birmingham's 4—2 statistics made sure they saw plenty of the ball in the first half. But they were undone by weak finishing from an isolated attack as well as a brilliant glancing save by Shilton to a Hicked no volley by Francis. The ball ran obligingly for Forest in the 12th and 53rd minutes. First a shot by McGovern took a sharp deflection from O'Neill before beating Montgomery and then the ball broke fortunately for Woodcock, leaving him uninterruoted vision.

Unfancied Forest are still alive and well and living on top of the First Division. The vultures circling overhead soneaked their disapproval, but they will have to wait: Forest could still be around next April.

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Birmingham City: J. Monigomory,
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Oxford prospects | Prenn is on the favourable for Boat Race By Jim Railton

Rowing

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If only the Boat Race itself could produce a race of the callbre of Saturday's Oxford trial eights. Both crews led during the race, but in the end Shealy, the United States' former world champion and Olympic stroke, railied his crew for a supreme effort and, with the station against them, they won by one third of a length This year's trial eight boats were designated "Bondage" and "Discipline". Shealy stroked "Bondage" and the president, Michelmore, an Australian, was in the engine room of "Discipline". Shealy stroked "Bondage" and the president, Michelmore, and the president, Michelmore, and the president of "Discipline". Shealy stroked March's Boat Race are favourable as Shealy, Michelmore, and Moran (Canada) are all available. The tragedy from Oxford's point

Moran (Canada) are all available. The tragedy from Oxford's point of view is that Wiggins, a talented Blue, is still resident but will be academically engaged.

BONDAGE: S. Shepherd (Oundle and SEH). N. Burges, !Radley and Oriel: J. Bland (King Edward VI and Sterion. M. Moran (University of Bankov i Baddord and Kede Corpus Christi). J. Wood (Hampton and Pembroka). "A. Sheoly (Harvard and University. Arms. J. Fall (Bedford and Oriel: Co. P. Head (Hampton and Oriel: Co. P. Head (Hampton and Oriel: Co. P. Head (Hampton GS) are of the control o

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a Briton currently based in New York.

Angus beat Cripps in the real tennis final by 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, their two previous final meetings having gone to five sets. This was a modest affair with Cripps starting well but losing his rhythm and confidence as Angus beat him with service and a heavy attack on the grille.

RESULTS: World rackets similator: First log: J. A. N. Prenn heat C. T. Rue Williams, 16-17, 15-5, 17-15.

15-5, 15-7, Tennis: Final: H. R. Angus in the control of the contr

Melbourne, Dec 4

The first of Mr Packer's international matches ended here this evening, in three days. It was won by a West Indian XI who beat an Australian XI by three wickets. The crowds have been so poor (an aggregate of only 13,886 people) that the early finish must have been much less of an embarrassment to the two sides and their sponsors than it might have been.

Needing 235 to win after bowi-

Faisalabad. Pakistan, Dec 4.—
Geoffrey Boycott and Brian Rose eagerly accepted the chance of batting practice when in the second match of their cricket tour of Pakistan here today an England XI encountered a pitch and bowling attack that were devoid of venom. On a day of pleasant sunshine, Boycott and Rose shared an uthroken second wicket stand of 225, piloting England to 284 for one on the first day of the three-day match against a United Bank XI. Boycott made 123—his 101st first-class hundred—and Rose, on his first overseas tour, 110.

It was not until late last night that the England players arrived here after a bone-shaking 90-mile bus ride, having missed their connecting flight from Lahore. The bus bounced and clattered over broken roads, and for John Lever, who was feeling ill, the journey was particularly agonizing. Understandably, he was withdrawn from the match. It was with relief, then, that England found that the pitch for the game was flat and lacking in hostility. Breerley, England's captain, pulled off a considerable coup in winning the toss.

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The pitch offered the quick bowlers, Sikandar Bakht and Aamir Hamid, a little early pace, but both squandered it by inaccurate opening spells. The first 12 runs were all extras, Brearley scoring the first run off the bat in the third over. The first bowling change, after 14 overs, brought the day's only wicket when, with his eighth ball, the left-arm spin bowler, Nacem Ahmed, had Brearley caught at backward short leg for 18. The ball popped up off Brearley's gloves when he attempted to sweep and England were 59 for one.

After that Boycott and Rose held the stage, proceeding cantiously at first but playing some stiring strokes as the day wore on. Both hit 12 fours in their hundreds and Rose also struck a mighty six over midwicket during a brief spell of erratic leg spin from Sadiq Mohammad. Rose's century took just under four hours, slightly quicker than Boycott's, but unlike the Yorkshire batsman he offered two half-chances.

After the indignity of two batting failures in Rawhalpindi, Boycitt clearly relished the chance to reassert himself. He was not in the least troubled that it took him 45 minutes to get off the mark, and it was hard to remember an

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45 minutes to get off the mark,
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occasion when the ball did not
meet the middle of his bat. He
hit some lovely shots through the
covers off the back foot. Rose
was impressively composed
throughout his long hanings and
stick cleanly off the front foot
whenever the opportunity grose.

ENGLAND XI: First learnings
Boycolt, not out

M. Breariey, C. Safiq, b Naeem 18
C. Rose, not out
Extras (b 10, 1-b 12, 4 5, n-b 6) 33

seals victory

Australians all out for 143 in their

second immings.
Underwood, who also took three

Underwood, who also took three wickets yesterday, finished with six wickets for 34 off 8.6 overs.

After dismissing the World XI for 234 in their second immings, the Australians had a winning target of 230 runs and resumed their chase in blistering hear this morning at 90 for five. Kent, 24 not out, and O'Keeffe, on two, had the task of rebuilding the immings. Underwood, replacing Imman Khan, had O'Keeffe caught by Imman for 27. His next delivery clean bowled Malone for three and finally Greig snapped up a superb catch at silly mid-off to dismiss Prior.

SCORES: Rest of the World XI, 186 (B. A. Richards 95, G. Watson y for 261 and 234; Australians, 191 for 8 wits dec 1M. Kent 581, and 143 (D. L. Underwood 6 for 34).

Cricket

Rose and

Boycott in

stand of 225

Centuries by A West Indian win and a Packer defeat

> From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 4

have beed.

Needing 235 to win after bowing the Australian XI out in their second innings for 192, the West Indians looked to be coasting frome, with Richards and Fredericks in cracking form, when a collapse set in. The West Indians were grateful in the end to Murray, as they often are, for keeping a cool head where others have not.

However little it may have meant in real terms to those who watched it, whether in person or on television, there was on each of the three days a certain amount

watcher it, whichier in person to on television, there was on each of the three days a certain amount of spectacularly good cricket, as well as a lot that was far from being good. Vivian Richard's stroke play was splendid and there was some decidedly fast bowling. Of Lillee, Holding, Roberts and Daniel, the fastest was Holding, in spite of his long break from first class cricket, which shows what it means to have such wonderful natural rhythm. But until, or unless, the pitches behave more truly than this one, and rather faster, the batsmen, with occasional exceptions, will struggle. Though remarkable as a horticoltural achievement, the portable pitch provided the fast bowlers with enough shooters to keep the scores down.

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With the main Packer matches being played on a showground in Sydney, a football ground in Adelaide and a race-track in Perth, the chances are reduced of the pitches, or the general conditions for that mater, being up to the required standard. It is no more use expecting cricketers to exhibit their highest skills or the best rollers to return the lowest

exhibit their highest skills or the best golfers to return the lowest scores on unreliable greens.

Despite the enormous sums spent upon advertising, the Melbourne public have shown a curious indifference in their city of such famous cricketers. The players themselves have. I think, tried as hard as the lack of traditional rivairy allows. The televitional rivairy allows. tried as hard as the lack of traditional rivalry allows. The television ratings, however, are expected to show that a good many
more viewers have spent the past
three days watching Australia playing India in Brasbane than this
manch. One of the most riveting
pieces of cricket I have followed
for a long time was the televised
duel on Saturday evening between
the Indian spinners and Simpson
and Ogilvie, as India fought to
press home an advantage.

One of the reasons why Ian
Chappell's side would have been
keen to win here today was because Australia look likely to win
in Brisbane and the Australian
public prefer young winners to

in Brisbane and the Australian public prefer young winners to old losers. The deciding Davis Australia, and Fallatta, or first, must in fact have taken more television viewers than the Australian Broadcusting Commission's

coverage of the Brisbane Test match, let alone Mr Packer's coverage of his game. Those who have advertised with Mr Packer's Chamel Nine take their chance on whether they get five days' cricket for their money or, as has happened herr, three.

Just refore today's match ended the Packer organization, through their public relations director, made these points in a written statement:

"Yesterday, in the Australian Cricket Board's match in Brist bane, Australia's and India's batsmen managed only 17 fours between them. And in the World Series Cricket super-test in Melbourne Australia's and West Indies batsmen hit 46. This alone is enough to stamp WSC's first super-test as memorable and far superior to what went on in Brisbane—superior for cricketers, superior for Towds, superior for TV. And that is always as it will be so long as the best are playing the best."

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In these few words is revealed how little many of Mr Packer's men know of what cricket is all about; which can, of course, be just as much about maiden overs, as it was when Chandra Sekhas and Bedi were bowling to Simpson and Ogilvie, as about fours and sixes. Always, too, a match is enhanced by the presence of a crowd that really cares. Tonight

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings, 256 (R. J. Bright 69, M. A. Rolding A Second Innings
B. McCosker, c Freder

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Daniel
C. Davis, B. Roberts
M. Chappell, i-b-w, b Roberts
S. Chappell, i-b-w, b Daniel
W. Hooker, C Lloyd, b Roberts
D. Waiters, i-b-w, b Roberts
D. Waiters, i-b-w, b Holding
J. Eright, not out Holding
J. Killice, c Alled b Holding
S. Daniel
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Extrus (i-b 4, n-b 1)

WEST INDIAN XI: First Innings
G. Greenidge, I-b-w, b Lilioe
C. Fredericks, b Pascoe
A. Holding, I-b-w, b Pascoe
V. A. Richards, C Marsh, b
Hookes
Alien, I-b-w, b Walker
C. H. Lloyd, C L Chappell, b
Walker Walker
L. King, c Davis, b Pascoo
L. King, c Hookes, b Lillee
Holford, c Lillee, b Bright
M. Roberts, run out
Daniel, not out

Walker
D. L. Murray, not out
Rolford, C Marsh, b Lillee
M. Roberts, not out
Extras (I-b 13) Total (7 wkts)

Hat-trick by Simpson to the rescue Underwood

Brisbane, Dec 4.—A captain's inmings of 89 by Simpson helped Australia out of trouble on the third day of the first Test match here today. He took Australia from an unstable total of three for seven to 327 runs in their second inmings at close of play. India were 51 for the loss of Vengsarkar who was bowled by Clark.

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> AUSTRALIA: First tanings, 166 (P' G. Cosier, c Prasama, b Madan
> Lai
> P. Hibbert, I-b-w, b Madan Lai
> C. S. Serjeant, b Amurinath
> D. Oguvie, b Chandrasekhar
> R. B. Simpson, c Viswanath, b
> Amarinath
> P. Toohoy, c Bodi, b Chandrasekhar
> A. Mann, c Amarinath, b Madan
> Lai

15. Rixon, c Kirwani, b Madan Vallark, b Madan Ial i. R. Thomson not out L. Hurst, rom out Extras: (b 6, tb 11, nb 2)

TOTAL TOTAL OF WICKETS: 1-0. 2-1
3-7. 4-100. 5-184. 5-233. 7-237. 8-246. 9-277. 10-277.

BOWLING: Maden Lel, 19-2-72-5. M. Amarrath. 28-1-24.

Bedl. 18.5-2-71-0. Prasana. 20-1-59-0. Chandrasekhar. 26-6-82-2

Rackets

way to world

title challenge

By a Special Correspondent

Second Innings
M. Gavestar, not out ...
Vengsarkar, b Clark ...
Amarnath, not out ...
Extras (nb 5) Total (1 wat) FALL OF WICKET: 1-7. Rugby League

Resuscitation needed to revive Sayer By a Speciel Correspondent John Preim took a step towards a cirallenge for the world rackets itide and Howard Angus won the open real tennis tournament, sponsored by Cutty Sark, in an active weekend at Queen's Club. Prenn, the open champion, leads his rival, Charles Hue Williams, the amateur champion, by 4—1 after yesterday's play. They meet again next Sunday and Prenn has only to win two games to earn the right to lodge a challenge to the world titleholder, William Surtees, a Briton currently based in New York. Angus best Cripps in the real

Cliff Sayer, the Bramley scrumbalf, stopped breathing and had to be revived by month-to-mouth resuscitation 10 minutes from the end of the first division match at Hull yesterday. Sayer fell to the ground after an off-the-ball incident and the seriousness of his injury was soon apparent. According to one of the St John Ambulance men who went to Sayer's assistance, he had stopped breathing for about two minutes. Sayer was taken off on a stretcher and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary.

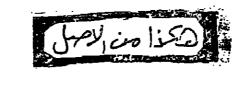
The manch, which had been held up for some six minutes, produced a dramatic finish. Bramley, trailing 7—2 and looking beaten, came back to snatch a point when Ellis, the substitute, burst over for a try which Hay improved four minutes into injury time.

Stokes wins again W. C. Peter Stokes, with 58 Welsh caps behind him, won the RAF Squash—championships for the eleventh time. The women's event was won for the tenth time by WO Eunice Davies, who is also a Welsh international. The pretenders to the title both falled narrowly, but not for the first time. W. C. P. Stokes best Gol L. Arth 10 8. 7 1. 9 5. 5 7. 9 3. 1 E. Davins best FL D. Donalds 5 9 2 8 8 10, 9 4, 9 5.

Squash rackets LONDON: Final: Q. Zaman beat Mohibulish Khan, 9-4, 9-7, 3-9.

Marathon Snooker.

Rugby League John Player semi-final Widnes 14 Bradford N First division VESTERDAY: First division Brandey 7: New Hunsle 18. 19: Selfeed 37. Castleford 5. 19: Selfeed 37. Castleford 5. 10 in 18. Wakefield Trially 7: ton Town 16. St. Heiere 3. division: Barraw 29. Oldham 7. Hallax 5: Barkapol and Whitchaven 6: Duncaster 8. field 31: Huyron 2. Rochdalt 17: Katghley 6, Leiph 9.



Rugby Union

Carleton may be right man to play on England left wing

Rugby Correspondent If the inter-regional game at Headingley on Saturday was a trial in one sense and tribulation in another, at least it supplied heartening evidence for the three national selectors present that none of those who played for England last season is ripe for retirement.

rehrement.

Although the North-west prevailed in an increasingly scrappy and incoherent contest by a goal, two pensity goals and a try (16 points) to three pensity goals (9), the half backs on the losing side, Old and Young, will probably represent the North again in the divisional match against London next Saturday. Although Slemen scored twice for the winners—without being greatly taxed—he may find his progress threatened by Carleton, of the Under-23 team. Slemen, or the Under-23 team.

Slemen, the sitting tenant on England's left wing, made twn defensive errors, one hard upon the other, of a sort that tend to eith themselves in the selectors minds. Carleton, now on the debe cich themselves in the selectors' minds. Carleton, now on the right flank but well capable of playing on the other, looked rock solid in defence, strong and sensible in counter attack and altogether worth a better run for his money than was vouchtafed him by ciborate manoeuvring in the middle. To be fair, one midfield ploy did lead to Slemen's first uv. Horton dummy scissored with Burke, Bond achieved a half-break

and Neary had the pace and prescience to appear on the outside for a long and effective scoring pass.

In other respects, Horton, who was provided with a good service-from Smith, had an uneven and pages of the pages of the service nervy game. (Vid's performance carried the greater poise and authority, though he finished affairs on a dispactly careless

note and not all of his tactical kicking quite measured up to his own high standards. One wayward transfer by Old was cleared up by Caplan in his 25 and then another somewhat controls.

transfer by Old was cleared up by Caplan in his 25 and then another somewhat optimistic pass by the stand off, even deeper in defence, was intercepted by Slemen for his second try. But, overall, Old linked smoothly with a back line that contrived far more successfully to put the ball in front of the recipient.

In this and other ways Tindle, at centre, supplied some nice, unobtrusive touches and Caplan (who thought, along with his adjacent colleagues, that he had scored a perfectly good try in the second half? was always threatening danger as he joined his threatening danger as he joined his three-quarters. Caplan made a couple of mistakes in defence, but his genuine pace and eye for the overlap are essential qualifies for the modern full back.

In the North-west contre, Burke reacted sharply to the loose ball for one who has been recommended to lose some weight and revealed strength in withstanding the tackle. His translation from tengland's 19-group to senior representative football has been refered with considerable panache.

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At scrum half. Smith enjoyed a successful first period in which he had more chances to shine, but Young, ever swift to spail his opponent and quicker to pounce on the loose ball, kept burrowing away in that flexible and knowing way of his. A points verdict at the final bell can have nothing to biot Young's escutcheon.

Since neither side has practised together—and there are enough demands these days without such preparations being made mandatory—it was not perhaps surprising that much of the forward play. Including the scrummaging, was

including the scrummaging, was messy. But certain facts, including the evental success of the North

West at close quarters, emerged. Pacey, with Cotton at his right and tight-head, took the heads by a decisive margin.

a decisive margin.

Butler, a Cumbrian, won a good share of line-out ball, and appeared to be going productively with Beaumont at lock. Neary and Dixon looked in good fettle; there was a promising effort by Moss, the Orrell No 8. The North-East flankers, Higgins and Anderson, both going well, must reflect on the hot competition they face before aspiring to divisional status; likewise Bell, young England's up-and-coming tight-head prop, whose fruitful activities in the loose included one noteworthy service from the scrum-half position.

Anderson retired briefly for repairs to a gory head wound and Maxwell, laid out in the second half, had to be replaced in the North East XV by Rule, the Sale stand-off. Happily it appears that Maxwell will be available for divisional selection. Old curied in his three penaity goals down an Arctic wind in the first half, for a lead of 9—4. Later, Guilick landed two penalties for the North-West, as well as converting the second try.

NORTH-EAST: D. Canlan (Heading-ley: P. J. Squires (Harrogate), A. Marcrell (Heading-ley) (Healing-rearn), A. Marcrell (Heading-ley) (Healing-rearn), A. Marcrell (Heading-ley) (Healing-rearn), A. Marcrell (Healing-rearn), A. Carlon (Healing-rearn), P. Hrycke (Medical (Healing-rearn)), P. Hrycke (Healing-rearn), P. Hrycke (Healing-rearn), P. Hrycke (Healing-rearn), R. Higgins (Makefield, G. Towson (Wakefield, Capitain), R. Anderson (Gasforth), A. Hedica (Gasforth), Anderson (Gasforth), Anderson (Gasforth), A. Makefield, Anderson (Gasforth), A. Makefield, Capitain), R.

Anderson (Gosforth), Gulkk (Orrell), NORTH-WEST: D. Gulkk (Orrell), A. Rond (Broughton Park), M. Burke (Water-lao), M. A. C. Stemon (Livorpool); J. P. Horton (Bath), S. J. Smith (Sale); S. Wills (New Brighton), K. Paccy (Broughton Park), F. C. Cotton (Sire), W. William (Boulder), P. M. Boulder, C. C. Cotton (Sire), W. W. Broughton Park, F. C. Cotton (Gosforth), P. Afress (Orrell), A. Nacry (Broughton Park), A. Rafere: B. Hoad-Rapson (Notting-houst-lire), Lincolnable and Derbyshire.

McGuckian looks an interesting gamble

By Richard Streeton The Midlands trial of Coventry on Saturday tended to confirm strengths and weaknesses already known rather than to unveil new known rather than to univel new discoveries. It was a cold, drab occasion, with the unreal atmosphere common to all trial games seldom far away. Above all, perhaps, it reminded official and unofficial selectors alike that the gap still exists in English rugby between the highest level and the next rung down the ladder.

An extraordinary number of mistakes riddled the game when it is remembered that Meselcy and Leicester, two of the most suc-

Lejcester, two of the most suc-cessful clubs in Eugland this inter, had 19 players taking part. Midlends West beat Midlands East hy four penalty goods (12 points) to a g. al. (6). The chief strengths shown, predictably for this part of the world, lay with the forwards, and there should be a stirring clash next Saturday when for Middlands more the Sauth and the Midlands meet the South and South-West at Bath.

The West took a little time to

settle down, but were mostly in control when it mattered and with county when it indirects in their puck, and a back division of established players, explained why trey wan though not why they did not win more easily.

free from commitments in Tou-louse next weekend, and Wheeler, who should have recovered from who should have recovered from injury, will presumably both be included when the divisional teams are announced today. Both these forwards in their specialist positions at lock and hooker remained unchallenged on Saturday. For the West Field had a fine match in the loose, and Shipsides was a prominent flanker. Jeavons at number eight confirmed his potential, but Adey for the East looked the sounder player. Neither Cannon nor Wilkinson contributed as much for the East as expected. Cowling was a hard and efficient worker in the front row.

Behind the scrummage, Cooper dropped a couple of passes but recovered with his usual quickness and generally looked a more comand generally looked a more com-plete footballer than most of the other backs. Considering that Peck was often behind a besten pack, I thought he held his own well against Gifford until forced off early in the second half with a gashed knee. Neither full back the office confidence waster pack. lasnicled confidence under press centre, B. J. Corless defended well, and Barnwell, who came in when Prece was a late with-drawal, made a couple of good

Dodge for all his glits did not look quite ready in the East's centre for promotion. But Mc-Guckian could prove an interesting Guckian could prove an interesting selectional gamble. McGuckian, who is 6ft 4in and approaching 15st, did a lot of good work in defence, and is a difficult man to stop on the burst. He only had one proper chance, and it led to the game's only try near the end.

McGuckian was tackled into much and from a long throw over McGuckian was tackled into touch and from a long throw over the lineout 15 yards from West's line, Smith helped the ball on to fiall, who wriggled past three men for Dodge to score and Hare to convert. Earlier Rossborough kicked a simple penalty goal for the West in the first half, and three more after the interval.

MIDLANDS WEST: P. J. Ross

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Underdogs have their day at Exeter

By Gordon Allan

They used the rugby ground at Exeter for greyhound racing, and the odds-on favourite finished second there on Saturday, much to the delight of glorious Devon. The South-West beat the South in their England regional trial match by two goals, a penalty goal and a dropped goal (18 pts) to a goal, a penalty goal and a try (13 pts), after leading 18—7 five minutes before the end.

before the end.

The canine analogy is worth developing a little. The South were Gloucestershire under an allas and as such might be described as alsations; big, strong and proud. The South-West were more like mongrels, durable and lively, but kept in their place easily enough. Well, the alcadors were big, strong and proud all right, and barked fearsomely now and again; but the mongrels made a commettion, too, and for once refused to stay where they were put.

So confident were the South in their team work that they ran the bull from the start and scored first. To that extent they were unlike Gloucestershire, who always hide their time. The South-West were not impressed. Their for-wards found tiemselves in diffi-culty in the tight, where Mills

Everyone was watching Lewis, the South-West's scrum half. He showed no sign of embarrassment, mee he had got a few shoulder high passes to Leigh out of his system. From then on he played a utilitarian game, serving his side's tactical plan and taking few risks. At full back. Winnan positioned himself well, kicked ienethilly with either foot and lengthly with either foot, and scored ten points.

In the first half. Kingston scored a try on the hind side of a ruck and Sorrell kicked a penalty for the South. The South West lad 15—7 at the interval, however, thanks to tries by Newman and Parsons and a dropped goal and two conversions by Wingan.

took four heels against the head to Lockyer's one, but there was little in it at the lineouts and nothing at all in the loose.

Kellitt was everywhere for the South, as you would expect, but Parsons, for instance, was no less of a work-glutton for the South West. The forwards played a significant part in both the South-West's tries. There was a greater degree of skill in the South's back division, but it was largely nullified by the South-West's trieless tackling.

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Twins epitomize all Australians' virtues and Miller. Hawker and O'Connor (2) kicked conversions. For London, Jones kicked two penalties.

grais. London were outclassed almost from the start, and finally vicided five tries in the closing seven minutes.

This is the second Australian schoolhops ude to wish Britain. Their predections four years ago went undefeated until England beat them in the last match of the tour. The prevent side, who beat All Japan Schools 42—0 in Tulyo has received on the way in London. last weekend, on the way in Lan-don, play 14 matches in Britsin, including internationals against iroland, Wales and England. The three aboriginal brothers, lenn, Gary and Mark Ella, were

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London Schools 6 Australians 54

The Australian schools 19 group righy team made a fine start to field Erlish tour yesterday when they outshone London Counties Schools at the Wasna' ground. Despite the bitting cold, the Australians provided a remarkable exhibition of handling and running shills as they use by three goals and nine tries against two penalty gills. London were outclassed the showing.

Sesterday with Glenn the full back showing hirself in particular to be an elusive runner and strong kicker with either foot. His raid, war the showing hirself in particular to be an elusive runner and strong good nair of hands, and Gary, at centre, ran and tackled soundly. Estiment they entough the virtues the Australians provided a remarkable virtues the Australians the virtues the Australians the virtues the Australians provided at the virtues the Australians provided at two penalty gives to the London side, who must have been disappointed at their showing. For London, Richardson, the hooker, worked his heart out, Youngs at scrum-half was another

Youngs at strum-haif was another game trier and Jones, the centre and London captain, did his best to rally his disheartened troops. Flyna was in the thick of London's lineout work and mauling, some of which early on was done well, but weak tackling and a lack of coordination seldom slickwed London to stay in the picture long. picture long.

Tries for the Australians were scored by G. A. Ella, G. J. Ella (2). Vaughan, McPherson (2). O'Connor (2), Hawker (2), Balley

Show jumping

Darts · WEMBLEY: World crampion him: R dinon (Landon) beat P. Revnelds (Localism), 3—1. LONDON: World Cup: 1, Wales, 2, 1 milest: 5, Iround; equal 5, New Zealand and Scuttand, 6, Swiden.

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trump North with a Lancastrian

By Nicholas Keith

When the regional teams are
reduced to four next weekand,
Loudon are likely to be the
weakest. They will play the North,
who should be a powerful combination whatever team is selected.
Loudon's best chance of giving a
good account of themselves is to
rely mainly on the Loudon North
team which proved far superior
to the Loudon South on Saturday,
winning by three goals, a try and
a penaity goal (25 pts) to four
penalties by Williamson (12).

Loudon North's pack deserves London North's pack deserves to be chosen en bloc and the resm as a whole showed surprising integration and initiative for a scretch side. Ripley was the complete master of his club colleague, Mantell, at No 8. Mantell made little impression in lineout or loose but may possibly be given a second charce.

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Of the rest of London South, only Williamson and Colciough can have any retsonable hope of representing London, although the selectors may decide to have another look at D. A. Cooke, at centre, and Bignell in the back row. In London North's dominant pack Rodgers, Claxton and Mordell were outstanding; it is thermisfortune that England are strong at lock, prop and flank lorward.

Ian Ball gave a mature display at stand-off half and was involved in all four tries. His judgment was impeccable, whether to kick, pass or carry the ball himself. A Lancastrian, Ball could be London's rump card against the North. Wyatt and French looked dangerous and, from this trial, are the most likely conterders for England jersevs. It will be in-teresting if Ball, Wyatt and French are allowed to pit their skill against the likes of Old, Squires and Marwell on Saturday and Maxwell on Saturday. and Maxwell on Saturday.

London North had things their own way in the first half and ran up 19 points before Williamson made his first reply. Demming picked up two tries but is bound to flud the going harder against Siemen or Carleton. His second try was the best of all: North won a ruck near the line on the left; the ball was switched to the right where, astonishingly. Ripley appeared at outside centre to provide the scoring pass.

Conner also helped himself to a good try in between. Ball kicked two conversions and a penalty. In the second half, Lonpenalty. In the second half, London North falled to press home their advantage and Williamson reduced the deficit to 12—19, grimly kicking three penalties against the crowd's advice to run the ball. The last word was from Ball who converted his own trymade for nim by Ripley and Conner.

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Bedford beat Neath 21-0 espite the absence of nine despite the absence of nine players for various reasons. The Welsh club were reported to be near full strength but never looked

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Hexham programme

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There is also racing in Nottinghamble at the Trentside course
of Southwell. Up in Yorkshire
two trainers have made deep-laid
plans to capture that significant
event, the second division of the
Eakring Novices' Hurdle. Reg
Hollinshead's Rosming Minstrel is

By Michael Scely

Gay Sparran, the impressive winner of the Sun Alliance Steepherhose at the National Hunt Fust. 1 in March, can gain his first . 2 of the current season by dolying top weight in the Hencotes Handicap Steepherhose at Hexham today. Conditions will not be ideal for this confirmed stayer. It was in ground made heavy by a deluge of rain that Gay Spartan spained his most important success at Cheltenham Lat March. And the going is only forecast as good to firm on the Northumberland course today.

Gay Spartan ran well enough on his responsence in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase qualifier behind Ebrunecearesdouble at Wetherly Over a trip too short for thim and on ground far too fast, the gelding stayed on in the closing stages to finish third.

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Snow Eyer was fired after finishing second to Border Incident at Ascot last season and the champion trainer is determined to give the six-year-old every chance to realize his full potential. Saturday's winner belongs to Mrs Enid Boucher, the owner of the ill-fated Killinev and will have his next race in

outstanding prospect at Ascot is a formight's time.

A likely candidate for the mbassy Premier Steeplechalinal was seen when last season Arkle Challenge Trophy winne Tip the Wink, proved far to experienced for Kas in the Cherstow qualifier. John Thorne the trainer of the third horse Arct Heir, said that Ardice, who recorded the fastast time of an novice seen out this season, whe capturing the Black and Whit Whisky Gold Cup at Ascot, would attempt to earn himself a playing the time-tip for the Haydoc true at Lingfield Park on Saturday.

The day's feature race, the Lathroke Hardio, fell to Full Walwyn when Mark Flowd on Zeilaman proved far too stron for Lacson and Holemoor Boy Zeilaman once had a reputatio for uhreitability, but the eigh year-cid could not have show more courage in gaining his thir victory in succession.

2.30 PRIESTLANDS HURDLE (Handicap.: £562: 2m)

1.0 BATTLE HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £333: 2m) 1.0 Dr. 11.2 Fill MURBLE (Handicap : £555 : ZM)

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11 022-024 **Gr. 7-9color, Mr. R. Lomax, 6-10-3 ... Mr. M. Brisbann 5
12 00-10 Diesdon (C-D), F. Vardey, 10-10-0 ... Mr. M. Brisbann 5
1-1 5-12 Sepaker, 7-5 Heinhard Jin, 5-1 Venterville, 6-1 Severeign Gold, 8-1
Priesteroft Star, 10-1 Diesdon, 13-1 Aucklander, Dam Water. 1.30 HENCOTES STEEPLECHASE (Handican : £716 : 3m)

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Mr D. Kinsella Mr C. Lawson 9-4 Philip Green 3-1 Another Gion, 5-1 Royalden; Janer, 12-1 Cheviol Guide, Filght Lass, 20-1 pibers.

Hexham selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.30 CROMWELL ROAD Is specially recommended. LO Star Speaker 1.30 Gay Spartan. 2.0 Mounthooly. 2.30 Tommy's Hope. 3.00 Phill

2.45 ASLOCKTON HURDLE (Handicap: £864: 21m)

Southwell programme



1.4 Carnel Free W. Clay 11-11-5 ... N. Clay 5 fus00-1 Ragic Feather. T. Forster 8-11-1 ... G. Thorner 1. f-0422 Moon Trip. M. Connoll. 9-10-11 ... J. Barlow 5 7 04323 Magic Supper, M. Oliver. 6-10-11 ... R. Crenk M. Carlain D. Morier R-10-11 ... B. Davios 1. popular R-2 Morier R-10-11 ... B. Davios 1. popular R-2 Morier R-10-11 ... Welkinson 1. Welkinson R-2 Morier R-2 Morier R-10-10-5 ... Mr E. Rapper 7 Mr E. Rapper 7 Mr E. Rapper 7 Mr E. Rapper 8 Mr E. Milson 1-1 popular R-2 Moon Trin. L. Shaw. M-10-0 ... Mr E. Rapper 6 G. Grucer 6 9-1 Moon Trin. 11-1 Eagle Feither. 100-20 Manic Silpper, 5-1 My Capitaln, R-1 Feet Free, 10-1 Cast Iron, 12-1 Nadeem 16-1 others. 15 MANSFIELD NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (£587 : 2m 74yd)

11-4 Saragusa 4-4 Airact 5-1 Dear Runts, 11-7 Donigan 10-1 Billy Frosty, Gracian Fighter, 12-1 Jewel of Medita 10-1 3.15 EAKRING NOVICES' HURDLE (Div H: 4y-0: £340: 2m)

Sedgefield 12.45: 1. Maniercombo Lad (2-1 fav: 2. Boll's Lad (11-2:: 3. Likely Boy (25-1: 10 ran. 1.45: 1. Mr Resister (11-1:: 2. Monitred Boy (12-1:: 3. Dave Equal (5-2): Angel Clare evens [2V. 8 fab.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent Chepstow

Southwell selections 12.45 David Tudor. 1.15 Harry's Fizzale. 1.45 Eagle Feathe: Captain Ezra. 2.45 Alcock. 3.15 Nashitz. 12.45 David Tudor. 1.45 My Captain. 2.15 Charles Swift. 2.45 Saragus 3.15 Happy Trio. Market Rasen

Sandown Park results 1.6: 1. Double Bridge (7-4 (av), 2. Lean Forward (7-2): 3. Everything (8-1). 7 ran.

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1.50° 1. Prebihas (2-1); 2. Flord (5-1); 3. Queens College (4-5 fav).

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2.0° 1. Marrisinol (14-1); 2. Alterton (4-1); 3. Valiant Charner (20-1); Bencon Light 2-1 fav. 13 ran.

2.0° 1. Tree Tangle (2-1 fav); 2. Grannewood Girl (5-2); 5. Tingle Creek (100-50); 4 ran.

3.0° 1. Persian Crown (6-4); 2. Clothes Line (3-1); 5. Exceller (10-1). Accelerate 7-4 fav. 12 ran.

5.0° 1. Merry Kerry (14-1); 2. Toulsone (13-2); 3. Genature (18-1); Jan Stewer 3-1 fav. 18 ran.

1.0: 1. Solitic Prince (2.1 fev): 2. Nice to Sec You (15-2): 3. O'Conna (10-1). 20 ran. 1.30: 1. Tip the Wink (2-1): 2. Kas (13-8 rav): 5. Arctic Holf (12-1). 8 rap. Montreal Boy 12-1: 5. Daves Equal 15-2: Angel Clere evens [av. 8] 13-3: 1. Stabborwouth 11:10 [av.: 2.0: 1. Zellaman 17-1: 2. Lacaon 1.45: 1. Stabborwouth 11:10 [av.: 2.0: 1. Zellaman 17-1: 2. Lacaon 1.6-1: 5. Holombor Boy 4.2-1: 1. Clere 1. State 1. Pad Earl 11:-2: 2. Sentra (2-1: 3. Silkstone (11-1) Chore 1. State 1. Pad Earl 11:-2: 2. Sentra (2-1: 3. Silkstone (11-1) Chore 1. State 1. Pad Earl 11:-2: 2. Sentra (2-1: 3. Holombor 1. Silve 1. Sentra 1.

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1.45: 1. Royal Major (5-1): 2.

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3.16: 1. Chardie Michael (7-4 far

2. Embry Jest (8-1): 3. Lacky Da

Bion (2-1): 13 ran. Mount Irring.

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3.16: 1. Come Spring (6-4):

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Tennis

Alexander wins Cup for

Australia in epic

Sydney, Dec 4.—Neale Fraser, the Australian captain, acclaimed John Alexander as one of the greatest Davis Cup players of all greatest Davis Cup players of an time after the 26-year-old Syddey player had lifted Australia to a 3—1 win over Italy in the final at the Cup here today. "I can't praise Alexander enough—he played all the doubles, all the singles and has won us the Cup". singles and has won us the Cup". Fraver said.
Alexander's epic five-set win over Adriano Panatra this afternoon clinched Australia's 17th pustwar Davis Cup. Alexander, who made his first Cup appearance the last time the final was played in Australia back in 1968, said he was happier than after art, other tennis match he had played.

Alexander heat Panatra 6—4.

Alexander beat Panatta 6-4, 4-5, 2-6, 8-6, 11-9, to clinch the tie for Australia. The final match, between Tony Roche, of Australia, and Corrado Barazzutti. Australia, and Corrado Barazzutti, of Italy, was abandoned at 12—all in the first set.

The Alexander-Panatta match lasted 3hr 55min under the sweltering sun and drew tumultuous applause from the crowd of more than 7,000. Panatta was within two points of winning in the fourth set.

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French boat on way Auckland, Dec 4.—All but one of the entries in the Round-the-World Yacht Roce, sponsored by Whithread, have completed the 7,400-inite leg from Cape Town to here. The last loat, France's Gutduses II, is expected early this week. She was left behind when she had to put into port for repairs soon after leaving Cape Town. Hockey

Cotton's decisive stroke for England

New Delhi, Dec 4.—England struggled to a place in the figal of the Nehru hockey tournament here with a 7—6 win today over the Indian hockey federation dark blues team on penalty strokes after extra time. Cotton won the second leg semi-final match for England with a sudden-death penalty stroke after the score had stood at 6—6 in the barrage. The first leg match was drawn 1—1 yesterday.

England's opponents in There is that of the match against the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the second hulf. Play occasionally became and the Indian team were survived five penalty corners to full time and after 15 minutes of extra time both teams scored three times in each of the two penalty stroke barrages. The first sudden-death penalty stroke was taken by the Oracle Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the second hulf. Play occasionally became of the Indian team were survived five penalty corners to full time and the Indian team were survived first match to the Indian team were survived five penalty to corners to full time and the Indian team were survived five penalty corners to full time and the Indian team were survived five penalty to corners to full time and after 15 minutes of extra time both teams scored three times in each of the rwo penalty stroke barrages. The first sudden-death penalty stroke barrages are survived first that of the match addended to the Indian team were survived five penalty to corners to first half of the match against the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the second hulf. Play occasionally became rough and the Indian team were survived five penalty to corners to first half of the match against the part of the match against the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the Dark Blues, who defended dourly and improved in the Blues and the Indian team dourly and improved in the Dark Blues, who defended

England's opponents in Tues-day's final will be Border Security Force, who drew 0-0 with Central Reserve Police today after defeat-ing them 2—1 yesterday. England were well on top in the

England's two.

There was no score at the end of full time and after 15 minutes of extra time both teams scored three times in each of the two penalty stroke barrages. The first sudden-death penalty stroke was taken by the Dark Blues' captain, Phillips, but it was saved by the Raglish goalkeeper, Taylor. Then Cotton stepped up and scored to clinch the match for England.

In yesterday's semi-final round

(first leg) England went ahead 1—0 in the 21st minute wher Long drove home a penalty corner. The Indians equalized four minutes later, after a long corner, which led to a penalty stroke. Phillips converted. FNGLAND: I. C. S. Taylor, P. Barbar, D. D. Whitaker, G. D. Festherstone, B. J. Collon (captain), N. Saichana, S. S. Litember, I. S. S. Gine, R. H. Brookeman, B. S. Sa S. R. L. Long. imf DARK GLUES: Fredr Shengra, Topo, Claudine, Mehk Chopre, Panninder, Mehla, Ph (Captain), Garewal, Yushi, Reu (CIDRAIN) OBTEWER, 1970.—THE BRUSSELS: KORTÓ CUP drew 1º to April 2: Pool A. Austra ginn. Canada, England, Edia West Germany, England, Edia West Germans, Irangand Edy, Nethorlands, Irangand Edy, Pakistan, Sprin.—Heuler.

was not considered

High noon at Ipswich after midday s

By Sydney Friskin Ipswich 4 Norfolk Wanderers 1 This quarter-final round match at Cranes Sports Ground started promptly at midday and from the manner in which both sides chased after the ball it seemed that they were in a great horry to finish

their task.

Inswich deserved their victory and retired to another vicinity for celebration. The semi-final round line-up for the eastern division of the national club championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox. is: 19swich v liford; Bedfordshire Eagles v St Albans. These matches will be played next Sunday.

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Norfolk Wanderers must have been disappointed with the result at Crawes after their 3-2 victory over Bedfordshire Eagles in the premier division of the East League on Saturday. They were well in the game until the end

Not until the teath minute of the second half did ipswich reach their high noon. Their transformation was the result of White being able to raise his game. Abandoning his deep-lying position he put himself in the firing line and combined well with Moss out the right. The day's honours, however, went to Knight for converting three short corners. Next to long he must be the best striker of short corners in the east. The game was only a few minutes old when Knight converted a short corner ofter a long one from which Phoenix had saved near the line. Innes, who showed pienty of dash, threatened to score for Norfolk Wanderers a couple of minutes later when he came tearing into the circle. His equilibrium was disturbed by Steward, who rushed out from the goal, but as he played the ball

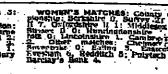
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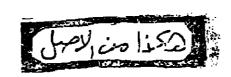
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BUSINESS NEWS Phone Shaw44411

Oldham for industrial development

British team going Brazil cuts to Poland for further talks on ships order

By Edward Townsend

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A two-man delegation from British Shipbulders will fly to Poland Tomorrow for further discussions on the £115m Ango-Polich ships deal. It will Angio-rusen sups teal. It will tell the state authorities that at least lour of the 24 vessels ordered have yet to be assigned to United Kingdom yards.

Shipbuilders does British not, however, seem too con-cerned at this stage about the delay caused by the continuing dispute at Swan Hunter, the Type yard which was to have received seven of the orders, but where workers have been unable to give the required guarantee of industrial peace. The two men to visit Poland are not members of the board of the nationalized shipbuild-

ing company. One is a director, a post below board level, and the other a navel architect. They will be concerned with ironing our details rather than negotiating with the Poles for more time to place the orders.

Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Ship-builders, is in Hongkong and is unlikely to cut short the visit despite growing unease about his organization's ability to place all the orders on time. A spokesman for British

Shipbuilders said yesterday that with matters such as the Swan Hunter dispute to be sorted out, "some time will obviously be needed". But he did not see this as presenting a real problem.

"There are plenty of yards capable of taking these orders, although it is not really for me to speculate which ones are the favourites", he said. "We obviously wanted these orders to go to Swan Hunter. They really needed the work badly. They have an excellent delivery record and are one of the best vards in the country." best yards in the country." Three of the seven ships

which were to have gone to Sount Hunter have been reallocated. Two are to be built on Toevide by the Smith's Dock company and the third by Govan Shipbuilders on the

Upper Clyde, which is elready building 10 vessels for the Poles.

Govern stop stewards will meet today to discuss their attitude towards the Swan Hanter workers' call for the transferred ships to be blacked."

Meanwhile, pressure is mounting on the Government to reveal more details of the Polish contract, the financial aspects and the make up of the joint holding company set up to handle the orders.

Mr Michael Grylls MP, vice-chairman of the Conservative Industry Committee, has written to Dr Edmund Manshell, chairman of the Trade and Industry Subcommittee of the Common s Expenditure Committee, urging him to conduct an inquiry.

Mr Grylls said yesterday he had asked for a similar investigation by the Public Accounts Committee but Dr Marshall's committee was the only Parliamentary body able to study the deal before the ships were built and the £28m subsidy from the Covernment's shipbuilding intervention fund was committed.

In an attempt to solve some of the shipbuilding industry's internal problems, Mr John Chaimers, general secretary of the boilermakers' union, yesterday proposed a common negotiating date for all unions in the industry.

"I am not saying it will be the panacea which will solve Swan Hunter's problems, but I think it will go quite a way to aelping in the present situa-tion", he said.

Mr Chalmers presented the plan in his role as chairman of the shipbuilding negotiating committee of the Confederation of the Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. He hopes it will gain speedy acceptance from management and unions. He was in touch with leaders

of British Shipbuilders yester-dsy, and it will be put to members of the confederation when they meet in York on

export coffee price by third

From Peter Godfrey Rio de Janeiro, Dec 4

Brazil has lowered the official price of its coffee by over a third to redress a commercial position which Senhor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC), admitted in an interview had become unrealistic.

The minimum export price of Brazilian coffee will be reduced from \$3.20 a pound to \$2.10 from Monday. The IBC also lowered its export tax by \$100 to \$120 for a 60-kilo bag.

Senhor Calazans said: "Our existing official coffee price is not commercial, and is too high for our exporters."

But the IBC action will not But the IBC action will not necessarily reduce the retail price of Brazilian coffee abroad. "Indemnities" paid recently to overseas purchasers of the country's produce—Senhor Calazans shied away from calling them discounts—are widely thought to have been at least as large as the \$1.10 reduction in price.

In that sense, the IBC has officially acknowledged an existing trading arrangement.

Senbor Calazans defended the import of 600,000 sacks of coffee which Bruzil is at present undertaking by saying that it should insure the country against the possibility of a poor offee harvest next summer. "Without additional reserves

without additional reserves that would be disastrous," he said. "Our stocks have been very low after the frost of 1975, and last year Brazil consumed more coffee than it produced." He said that the imported coffee would be reexported in the event of a placeful group. the event of a plentiful crop. Meanwhile its storage would sugment reserves enough to allow exporters to sell better quality Brazilian coffee abroad.

However, he conceded that there had also been a secondary element of speculation in Brazil's recent overseas coffee purchases. "I always want the price of coffee to go up. Who-ever sells a product wants to sell it at the best possible price," he remarked, wrily.

The IBC's new official price, which will become operative on shipments from January 1, recognizes that the world coffee market is not ready at present

cost £220m in the past financial The clearers are now expected to take on more of the new credits. They have been reluctant to increase the 22 per cent threshold because they do not want to have too much of their portfolio in ECGD deals.

hand wants to maintain a distinction between the arrangements for ECGD fixed-rate sterling credits and the more general question of sterling financing.

Oil output points to small price rise A dream

By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent

A growing belief in oil industry circles that crude oil prices will rise only marginally Witth Iran joining Saudi in the new year or may even Arabia and Abu Dhabi in remain frozen is reflected in a sharp decline in output from four key Middle Eastern producers during October.

January 1 price rise it is normal for oil companies and traders to begin stockpiling for resale at higher prices.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly says that in the four states, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran and Abu Dhabi, produc-tion fell by 11.2 per cent from a year earlier compared with a 49.5 per cent surge in production in October 1976.

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expect a year on year rate of

The forecasts, published this

morning, disagree substantially on Britain's likely trade and payments performance next

balance of payments to move into deficit in the second half of the year with an overall cur-tent account surplus of only

£800m in 1978.
This is well below the Treasury's latest published forecast of a £1,500m surplus, which is itself more pessimistic than

Wood Mackenzie expects

world trade to grow by 6 per cent in volume next year—com-pared to a Treasury forecast of

8 per cent and one of 4 per cent from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. British exports will be hit by a loss of competi-

tiveness, believe the stock-

Consumer spending is expected to be the main source of growth in the economy next

year by both of today's fore-casts, although Wood Macken-

zie expects gap growth to be about 3 per cent and Phillips and Drew 21 per cent. Real incomes will rise

strongly as earnings increase and price rises slow down. They are expected to be boosted by

tizable tax cuts in the Spring

budget, offset to a small extent by a rise in indirect taxes.

Phillips and Drew has assumed an average earnings

assumed an average earnings rise in the present pay round of 17½ per cent and a stable pound, while Wood Mackenzie expects 15 per cent earnings and a slight depreciation by end 1978.

In its company forecasts
Phillips and Drew looks for a
10 per cent rise in industrial
profits in 1978 with the second
half better than the first half.

* Phillips and Drew Economic
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Wood Mackenzie expects the

Aggregate output was down by 867,000 barrels a day to 17.34 million; only Abu Dhabi reported an increase of 17,100 berreks a day.

championing the cause of price moderation producer sources are now convinced that the Caracas meeting on December 20 will be able to reach agreement on a further freeze or a small increase without another steady in 1979 and from 1980 pubzlic split in their rathks as

appened last year in Qatar. Most of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are anxious to see prices rise by substan-tially more than 5 per cent. But under the presidency of Sheikh
Abdul Aziz bin Khaika al
Thani, Qatar's oil minister
there has been considerable
behind-the-scenes talking to

cusure that the meeting in Venezuela produces a unani-mous recommendation. In London, an economic con-

suling group, Economic Models, says in a report that a 5 per cent rise in oil prices in 1978 would, after aboving for a 7 per cent average in-flation rate in the industrialized world, mean a 2 per cent fall in real terms,

Prices are expected to remain to start rising gradually in real

In 1980 the group expects a significant upsurge in world economic activity while it will become apparent that politically acceptable production levels, particularly for Saudi Arabia, would have to be exceeded if oil demand is to continue growing.

Opec is expected to con-

Shaikh al Thani:

More civil servants for industry

Hongkong, Dec. 4

A sharp increase is planned in the number of civil servants seconded to industry. This will By Our Economics Staff
Price inflation will fall to be announced on Wednesday below single figures over the next six months, but will then begin to accelerate again, according to two private ecowhen Mr Healey, the Chancellor, Exchequer, and Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, lay a joint paper on the wider implications of the Both Phillips and Drew* and Wood Mackenzie†, stockbrokers, industrial strategy before the monthly meeting of the National Economic Develop-ment Council. inflation of 11 per cent by the

Hongkong is rallying characteristically if angrily to the heavy reduction in textile export quotas imposed by the European Economic Com-

European Economic Community yesterday.
Textile producers and government authorities are especially bitter over Britain's failure to exercise pressure to minimize the EEC curbacks in four categories. Hongkong's textile exports will be allowed to increase by only 0.7 per cent on 1976 levels and growth rates are fixed for the next

rates are fixed for the next

more than 10,000 Hongkong textiles workers of their jobs

and reduce the total amount of

cotton cloth exports to all Nine

members of the EEC next year

to less than Hongkong's ship-ments to Britain alone in

1959—is allegedly not to pro-tect the EEC's industry but to

leave room for new suppliers to develop their exports of tex-

tile products to the EEC over the next few years. But since it takes time to

create manufacturing capacity and to build up trade, the Community's planned redistri-bution of trade among the de-

veloping countries and terri-tories is unlikely to work.

"Instead, the principal bene-ficiaries are likely to be other

developed countries whose

Sir Denys Roberts, the acting Governor, said: "The injustice of the EEC policy is manifest." The purpose of these cur-backs—which will deprive

'unjust' textile pact

as education bear on industrial performance, says that there is not enough mutual understanding between industry and

This leads to a failure by the Civil Service to give enough weight to industry's interests when drawing up policies One way to improve this, the report suggests, is to have

provides any sanction for this Community policy."
Hongkong's Chamber of Commerce called for cooperation to "make the best of a bad job" and the South China

work, not self-pity.

Talks with 30 countries: The agreement initialled yesterday marks a major step in the talks the European Commis-

sion has been conducting with more than 30 East European

whose cheap exports have posed a threat to the EEC's own tex-

When talks began in October, the EEC demanded an

overall curback from Hong-kong of about 9 per cent, or 13,000 tonnes from the 1976 level of 151,000 tonnes. The final compromise means

reductions in the four most sensitive categories, but com-pensating increases in quotas

Sources said reductions had been agreed in the EEC quotas

for cotton fabrics, woven trousers and jeans, knitted un-trousers and jeans, knitted un-drawers), and woven shirts.

The Commission has now reached agreements of figures

with 18 countries, Business letters, page 18

for non-sensitive items.

tile industry (Reuter reports).

developing countries

Morning Post urged

National Economic Development Council.

The paper, which examines how a wide range of government would also like to see how a wide range of government more mobility in the other

point out that this is a much more difficult problem. Employees leaving industry on secondment may find that they are jeopardizing their careers by being away from active industryial life for an extended period.

greater interchange between Whitehall and industry.

Another problem which the paper examines is the absorp-tion of qualified manpower by

the public sector. But it makes this pre-emption is difficult to assess and that a detailed investigation of the problem is neces-

Japan takes Hongkong angry over step nearer to tariff cuts access to the Community's market will remain completely

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Dec 4

unrestrained.
"Hongkong's international trading relations are governed by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Multi-Fibre Agreement.
Neither of these instruments Bowing before the growing threats of international protectionism, the Japanese Government took a tentative decision yesterday to cut tariffs on a wide range of imports, including cars, computers, industrial machinery and food products, from April next year.

Although the final details of

Although the final details of a plan to reduce Japan's huge surplus and placate her trading partners will be examined by the Cabiner on Tuesday, government officials cluimed that the proposed cuts would be applied to between 40 and 50 items.

But the Government has apparently already decided in principle to reduce tariffs on manufactured products by a uniform 20 per cent while duty on processed foods—a controversial political issue—could drop by 10 per cent, a Finance Ministry official claimed.

At the same time government officials said that in spite of differences over the final draft of the plan, Japan would definitely take a unitateral decision to reduce tariffs on a still preparation of the plan. still unspecified list of imports, before the current round of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade negotiations ends next year.

In principle the Government hopes to reduce tariffs on car imports from the existing duty of 6.4 per cent to 3 per cent Duties on computers are expected to decrease from 13 to 10 per cept

of paddling icebergs to the Saudis'

Selling icebergs to Middle. Eastern cil shaikhs sounds even more outrageous than selling London Bridge to a group of Americans. But London Bridge is now making money as a tourist attraction in the desert in Arizona and there is at least one rich Saudi with hopes of bringing home a few icebergs from the Antarc

fic.
Prince Mohammed al-Faisal, the nephew of King Khalid, is fully aware that there will be sceptical people around keen to challenge his common sense. He knows that people are likely to suggest, for example, that his icebergs might melt by the time he gets them to the Equator and that he will be throwing his money into the sea. Prince al-Faisal is not allowing himself to be dis-tracted by such observations. In early October, at the

First International Conference on Iceberg Utilization" in Iowa, the Prince outlined at some length the ways he envisages moving icebergs across the

He suggested that they be equipped with their own propulsion system in the form of paddle-wheels . . . their power supply will originate from power generation units located either on top of the iceberg or provided from ships accom-

panying the iceberg."

The reason for all this interest is the belief that shipping icebergs could be a cheaper means of providing fresh water to arid countries than the use of water desalination plants.

It has been estimated that the cost of shipping a hundred-million-ton iceberg to Saudi Arabia would be \$80m

The recent conference, The recent conference, which was sponsored by the Saudi prince, attracted some 200 scholars and the interest of the national science foundations and the United States tions and the United States Coast Guard. It interested also although they risks after the bankruptcy of a French iceberg removal com-

pany in the summer. However, even if moving icebergs is technologically and economically possible, and nobody really knows yet, there are other serious problems to

consider.
Professor Steven Burton of out that there could be serious legal and political problems since several countries have made Antarctic claims and governments have not addressed the question whether anyone can simply sail south, catch an Antarctic ice-

berg and carry it away.

Professor Burton, who teaches law and was a State'
Department legal expert, is interested in the Prince's project, but somewhat sceptical. So too are most people in lowa, who were not impressed by the recent iceberg con-ference, although the Prince sought to dramatize by flying a two-ton iceberg to the state. Iowans have more than enough ice now; when I was there last week it was freezing.

Frank Vogi

New export credits scheme soon

An official announcement of a new scheme between the clearing banks and the Export Credits Guarantee Department ing deposits. ECGD) for the floancing of hixed-rate export credits in ricerling is to be made before Christmas. A ministerial an-neuncement, probably from the D partment of Trade, is exe recred

The new arrangements will take the place of the scheme which expired this automo. The Covernment has been concerned w cut the cost to the public

The cost arises in two ways. Under the old scheme the banks put up money for these loans only up to a limit of 22 per cent of their non-interest bear-

The ECGD-and therefore, finally, the taxpayer—refinances the rest.

This cost £505m in the year to March, 1977, although, since the money is only on loan, it should of course be recouped in later years. The second expense to the Exchequer comes from an ECGD guarantee to the banks to make up any dif-ference between the interest rates charged on the loans and market rates of interest. This

nine months, an increase of 45 per cent on the comparable period of last year ".

of tractor companies from abroad, who always exhibit in strength at Smithfield and who

in recent years have been joined by suppliers from Soviet

The figures show the impact

They are, however, interested in a relaxation of the restrictions on sterling trade financing which were introduced last

December.
The Government on the other

forecasts December, 1977. † Wood Mackenzie. The Economic Outlook for 1978. Move to avert sales war

Efforts are being made by the big established tobacco companies to avert another price battle after the introduc-tion of the final stage of the EEC tax structure for the Eke tax structure for the industry in January. By eliminating the traditional excise duty based on the weight of tobacco, the new tax arrangement will narrow the price difference between large and small-sized ciospates.

block countries.
Imported tractors in the first 10 months of this year were But rather than see the price worth 65 per cent more than difference fall from a figure of in the corresponding months of 1976. But at £60m they were still worth much less than about 12p to about 1p, the manufacturers would prefer to weight margins on to the grow-

after tobacco tax changes

and small-sized cigarettes.

In theory the new structure should mean a reduction of about 5p on a packet of king size cigarettes and an equivalent increase on the smaller

ing king size sector.

Gallaher, whose Benson & Hedges Special Filter brand has the biggest share of king size sales, said at the weekend that it had obtained confirmation from the Price Commission to leave prices as they are. The company says it has absorbed tax and other increases of up to 6p a packet on king size varieties for the past 18 months and that pofurther reduction is possible. Similar proposals are under-stood to have been submitted to Price Commission reres Rochmans the Pri Carreres

> large manufacturers. By not opting for lower recommended prices, the manufacturers are allowing themselves considerable scope for offering short term discounts.

Imperial Tobacco, the other two

Profit target of 15-20 pc for NEB meaningless'

The National Enterprise Board's newly-disclosed duty to aim for a 15-20 per cent return on its investments was dis-missed as "meaningless" yesterday by Mr Michael Grylls, vice chairman of the Conserva-tive Industry Committee.

Achievement of this target by 1981 has been urged, but the

by 1981 has been urged, but the rate of return coes not cover the board's boldings in Rritish Leyland or Rolls-Royce.

Mr Grylls wrote to Mr Leslie Murphy, chairman of the NEB at the weekend, asking wi on he expected to reach the target and when he was going to announce those for Leyland and Rolls-Royce. Rolls-Royce. "These two account for about

80 per cent of the NEB, and the target rate of return now set covers only the odds and ends of the set up", be said. "It is meaningless in terms of the per-formance of the whole of the

With British Leyland's review of its future strategy expected soon, now was a good moment for Mr Murnhy to say when the board would set an overall rate

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Lending rate 7 pc The Bank of England's minimum lending rate is unchanged at 7 per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender: An opportunity to acquire an

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Farm machinery exports and imports both soaring months of 1977. Mr Aitken said that the trade Although the value of British balance was still very favourable. "The industry earned nearly £3 in foreign currency for every £1 spent on buying foreign machinery. Sales to the EEC totallod £224m in the first

ricultural machinery exports is year has already passed the tal for the whole of 1976, ports have climbed even ter. The industry's latest ide balance was announced sterday at a preview of the yal Smithfield Show in Lon-

Mr Robert Airken, president the Agricultural Engineers sociation, reported that sales sociation, reported that sales road in the first 10 months this year were worth £772m, impared with £789m for the hole of 1976. The 1977 total epresented a rise of 24 percent over the January/October Tagure for 1976.

The value of imports, however, rose by 33 per cent irom 1976. But at £60m they of 1976 to £252m in the same abroad, who always exhibited a strength at Smithfield at the same abroad, who always exhibited at the same point at the same abroad, who always exhibited at the same abroad, who always exhibited at the same point at the same abroad, who always exhibited at the same abroad, who always exhibited at the same point at the same abroad, who always exhibited at the same abroad abro

ton on boards of management

would compromise the trade

Scargill attack on idea of worker directors By Paul Routledge facing decisions which had been Mr Arrhur Scargill, left-wing taken not only by the National Coal Board, but with the agree-

leader of the Yorkshire miners, aday makes a strong political titack on "collaborationist", roposale for industrial demoment of NUM representatives. It would be on many occasions, a decision which was in conflict with union policy. roracy in state coelmining. "Our enstitution called not for col-"The people who accepted scats on the boards of manage-ment would be regarded with boration with capitalism, but or a change of society", he deep suspicion by members of the union, and the workers would be constantly faced with In an article in The Miner, mrnel of the National Union Mineworkers, he argues that the majority Bullock recomthe problem of having to examine decisions which had been taken by the National Coal Board, part of which consisted of their own union representaiendation for worker participa-

His comments come on the The Yorkshire miners president states; "It is impossible ece in Harrogate called to because the establishment of committees and collegies. to have workers' control within a capitalist society. Capitalism, by its very nature, produces contradictions which cannot be off Scargill writes: "The signal Coal Board, I have no would be prepared to resolved until and unless we

change the system of society.
We have to change the system, otherwise workers' control cannot be obtained."

"The unions could only have worker representatives he National Coal Board. this took place, the class collaboration and com-

promise with the mixed economy, and those who advanced the theory of workers' control in present-day society were put-ting forward an intellectual, Utopian dream, idealistic, unworkable and unobtainable. "I submit that we do not need workers' participation to

play our part as a trade union

inside the National Coel Board eny other industry in " Provided the trade union is prepared to exercise its strength, we can convince management to change its views or, at the very least, modify them in many fields."

"What was required in 1972, and what was eventually de-cided, was a political decision and not simply an economic decision. There is no reason why the unions should not extend their traditional role in collective bargaining to the area of planning and investment without becoming part of the management process Those in our union who sup-

port the concept of workers'

control are supporting measures which will hold back the development of the working class in its advance towards a socialist Britain." The contrary point of view is put by Mr Peter Heathfield.

secretary of the Derbyshire orea, who says coolmining is ready for experimentation in industrial democracy: "Many of us feel that miner: have the ability and copacity to play a major role in the running of our industry. It is

not our intention to prop up Capitalism, but rather to formulate and fashion new systems of management that will enable the socialist cause to advance." The Harrogate conference of the NUM is the first garbering of industrial trade unionists specifically addressed towards the problems of industrial The NUM is officially committed to seeking a greater say

the colliery managers

in the running of their industry. but some of their ambitions are being seriously contested

Applications £737m Allotted Bids at £98,38 Received Prev west £98,38 Received Avarage rate Next Friday \$500m Replace

Management

With yesterday's end to the British visit of China's top-level trade delegation led by Mr Li Chiang, Peking's Foreign Trade Minister, one message is loud and clear. Sino-British trade is pressing for attention.

But there are some important questions to be answered first. Which sections of British business are most likely to benefit? What are the opportunities for the smaller manufacturers outside the big league circle of British Steel, British Railways, British Aerospace and the chendcal giants?

Further, while the buying of large plants or technology can be dealt with by the exchange rechnical missions, how should these smaller businesses tackle exports to China?

The obvious point to make about the People's Republic of China is the textbook fact that it is the third largest country in the world and the most popu-lous at rather more than 800 million people. While its size points to obvious opportunities transport equipment, not to

Experienced China watchers, have welcomed the flow of recent United Kingdom missions to the country and now by Mr tion equipment and the like— inflation rate, exports to China

Leman Street, Whitechapel,

Since building began almost

and in one fortnightly valua-tion period £1.8m of work was

Li's tour—soon to be followed. incidentally, by further indus-trial specialist missions from China. Bur businessmen are warned against reacting to the thought of a mass-market of potential consumers.

As one observer commented: It's no good it a businessman already has some exporting to the Pacific basin, just thinking that here's another ourlet for consumer goods. The Chinese are not interested. What they need they produce for themselves. The only possibility is if there was an unusual shortage of a particular class of goods."

The consensus of opinion is that the Chinese have a wide capability in all the industrial sectors and high degrees of worker skills. Their main aim is self-sufficiency. But they want the technology associated with a specific plant or product.

Pinpointing specific needs in China is the name of the game. And what help is available to track down these needs? Much detail on marketing possibilities can be obtained from the Department of Trade. The Sino-British Trade Council mention construction gear, it would be dangerous to extrapolate too much from the popuports, including sector studies.

Generally speaking it is the chief technologies—trans-port, power generation, oil and its related activities, chemicals,

As the tallest solid structure in Eritain, the National Westminster tower in the City of London has inevitably caught the

don has inevitably caught the public eye. Not far away in July.

centre is expected to be fully be incorporated in the centre. Specialist subcontractors and suppliers—British, continental

Not an hour has been lost

though, another of the bank's developments—a £45m management services centre—is taking shape generally unremarked.

The centre, built to house The centre of the bank's through labour stoppages on the site, where 800 people—

"Not an hour has been lost through labour stoppages on the site, where 800 people—

besides Higgs and Hill's 60 management and Americal—induser about through labour stoppages on the site, where 800 people—

staff—are at work, against a peak of 1,100 last year.

"Delays mean that people

the trouble starts."

The ment structures and store colour codes. Borrowing either men or materials was discouraged.

The rivalry which developed welco complicated. It has, for instance, been provided with five generators and 13 substations and 13 substations which make it more than self
The rivalry which developed welco called the Iron Curtain, Mr which make it more than self-

The centre, built to house clearing and data processing operations, may not be a revord breaker in terms of size, but in speed of construction it is unusual. Indeed, Mr Edwin Phillips, chairman of Higgs, and Hill, the contractors, says that it is one of the fastest growing projects under construction in the United

two years ago, turnover has been approaching 12m a month and in one fortnightly valua-

fastest growing projects under affect the men's a construction in the United on with their jobs.



Peking trade delegation leader Mr Li Chiang (right), the Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade, with Mr Sung Chih-Kuang, China's ambassador in London, and Lord Oram of the

Medium-sized and smaller British companies could find Chinese interest in specialized

All these product areas figure prominantly in British exports to China in the first nine months of this year. Food processing equipment and packaging are also listed.

ties of coal mining machinery. British mining equipment is already in use in China. In their trade deals the Chinese insist on fixed price contracts with no escalation clauses. Given the new insurance cover by the Export Credits Guarantee Department for companies working on such

American-number about

substantially

different phases and the pro-grammes drawn up in 1975

have been substantially adhered to. Tasks were scheduled according to two-week cycle targets and Saturdays

set aside to meet

were set aside 10 meet and a design.
One of the earliest decisions sions.
was to divide the site in two. The operations block and the ancillary block, which comprise the centre, have been treated largely as separate projects with their own management structures and store weeks replain codes. Porrowing either

For most would-be exporters to China the first approach has to be to one of the various from the China National Tech-nical Import Corporation, which

The main advice is to send the appropriate corporation a full technical description of the goods, and their technology—in English. If it fits an immediate and special need there might be an early order, at which point the commercial section of the Chinese Embassy in London would probably come into the picture because they are on the spot.

But the process, judging by past experience, could equally

ence pays.

The majority of business is done on a normal letter of

There is one way of cement-ing more personal relations in China and by which many British businessmen have set

Entry visas to China for these fairs are easier to obtain than

Solving British Steel's problems

From Mr D. J. Falvey
Sir, most people would probably accept the general drift of
your leading article about the
steel industry (November 22).
You are right to stress that if

You are right to stress that if the present world steel crisis disappeared the BSC would still have to deal with obsolete plants and over-manning.

I take issue with you, however, when you conclude that Britain should perhaps, reliaquish bulk steelmaking altogether. This is surely remarkably wrong-headed and defeatist.

Britain is well placed to be a bulk steel producer (apart

bulk steel producer (apart from her long tradition) because, being an island, she can import high-grade ore and has good reserves of coking coal. She is also favourally coal. She is also favourably placed to export. Japan, also an island, is not so well favoured but has brilliantly overcome the huge disabilities of no coking coal or iron ore and the immense distances these have to be shipped, to become the world's most efficient bulk steel producer. The reasons British steel is languishing (apart from the present world crisis) are to be found in human terms (in particular, strategy and organization) and capital stringency. zation) and capital stringency.

The consequences of adopting your advice would be to accelerate the de-industrializaof Britain, to seriously the balance of payments and to increase redun-dancy well beyond the 60,000

are understandably, but mis-takenly, unwilling to face the smaller problem, why do you assume they would accept the larger?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

imports from the developing

countries that has occurred un-

a balance of opportunities for

dented growth during the past

ing industries in its member

countries.

Husiergate.

Yorkshire.

example over here. Yours faithfully,

Bradford BD1 1PE.

C. M. D. ROBERTS, Chairman, Wool Textile Delegation,

Lloyds Bank Chambers,

Seeking a better balance

in EEC textile market

Sir, We are grateful to the Bishop of Hongkong and the Macao for bringing to our notice the points made in the

open letter (November 29) to

governments and churches in Europe about the EEC's posi-

under the Gatt Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA).

May I being The Common Co

May I bring to his notice

some points not made in his

(a) Macao has now reached agreement with the EEC on terms which will greatly benefit

traders in Macao.
(b) In 1976 out of all imports of clothing from developing

countries into the United King-

dom 63 per cent came from Hongkong. (c) Between them, Hong-kong, South Korea and Taiwan

kong, South Korea and Tawan accounted for 80 per cent of the United Kingdom's clothing imports from developing countries—leaving only 20 per cent for the multitude of other emergent nations, most of them at a much lower stage of development than Hongkong (d) EEC imports of rexiles

(d) EEC imports of textiles have grown by 80 per cent by weight between 1973 and 1976—that is more than 15 per cent

that is more than 15 per cent per annum during a time of declining demand in 1975/76.

(e) The EEC soends nearly six times more of its notional "income per head" on imported textiles than does the United States and over double that of the USER.

If one is to examine the pro-blem positively and objecti-vely, the first requirement is vely, the first requirement is for the Government to remove obsolete plants entirely from BSC's responsibility and to reduce progressively their level of steelmaking. The heavy social charges involved must be met by the Government in recognition of the fact that these plants are in any Case. Has the legal of the legal pletely lost it.

Brick Court, Temple, EC4.

November 23. these plants are in any case disguised dole queues.

At the same time the Government should direct BSC Government should direct BSC to re-think their long-term strategy: in particular, the case for large integrated developments against the background of very high and rising capital costs and break-even levels which are unlikely to be achieved over a cycle of fluctuating activity and perhaps. tuating activity and, perbaps, not even in peak years.

I conclude by repeating that our problems are human, rather than physical. A nation that had the imagination, drive and brains to overcome the lack of invasion ports by taking them with them can surely allow the party several but solve the very severe, but smaller, problems of the steel industry, or for that matter our industrial problems gen-Yours faithfully,

D. J. FALVEY, Worcestershire.

Diesel-powered cars in the UK

Sir. Automotive type diesel engine production is yet another field where the United Kingdom was until recently world leader. We are now third in terms of the number of engines produced each year, and our slide further down the list will be accelerated because alone among major manufacturing nations we are not producing or planning to pro-duce a car with a British die-sel engine.

people you mention. If the unions and the Government

Dr Barker's letter (24 November) therefore has a germ of truth in it, although I disagree with his emphasis on fuel prices and raxation levels because those factors have little effect. A comparison of diesel car penetration and diesel/petrol price differentials shows, for example, that in West Germany example, that in West Germany where diesel has been about the same price as petrol for some years (in October 1977 diesel in Germany was 98 pence per gallon and petrol 99p) diesel car penetration as a percentage of new registrations has been about 4.5 percent. Compare Italy where diesel car penetration has been about 2.5 per cent or less although comparable prices are diesel 450 and petrol 1510.

diesel 45p and petrol 151p. Largely because of lack of availability, the United King-dom has the lowest recordable European diesel car penetration—about 0.3 per seems to me natural law that United Kingdom penetration will rise close to the levels obtaining in other EEC countries, typically about 3.5 per cent, just as soon as our friends in Germany, Italy and France (to say nothing of the Japanese) choose to make diesel cars available to the Bri-tish. The percentages are small, but represent a hell of a lot of imported cars and balance of payments loss. I should therefore argue against Dr Barker's request to lower tax on diesel which could only increase our losses. It is frustraing and pointless to do so however. The advantages of modern diesel cars are sus-tained for a small but clearly

defined segment of the private car buying market irrespective of tlukering with taxation to provide 10 or 15 per cent differentials between diesel fuel

and petrol prices. The advan-tages are longevity, reliability and about 25 per cent fuel effi-ciency increment. That incre-ment (which has nothing to do

with pump prices) would mean, as Dr Barker seems in

danger of pointing out, a better

No, we do not need an argu-

ment about who was clever enough to notice a few pence endugh to notice a few pence difference in pump prices in favour of diesel, which is now, as if by magic, accident and the Liberal Party, in favour of petrol. We need two things. First, clear statements by government to allow policy making and planning by the United Kingdom diesel engine United Kingdom diesel engine industry, including a statement on fuel taxation. That statement should be long-term—at least five years—and is too crucial to be subject to the vagaries of party politics or Liberal revolts. Second, we need a British manufacturer to base investment on, amongst other things, sure government statements, to rapidly bring forward plans for a British die-

sel car. You never know, it may also not be too late to miss out on all of the enormous export opportunity for diesel cars. Sincerely, RICHARD GORMLEY, London, SE6.

Shortage of commercial court judges

Europe but we cannot do this alone. Unless there is a slowing down in the high rate of penetration into the EEC by From Mr D. Waller Sir, Some time last year your columns highlighted the shortage of judges to my the crees. The situation is now affecting, curiously enough, abated during the present MFA (far in excess of what was intended) the textile industries in Europe could be eliminated. our balance of payments. I refer to the pile-up of untried fixtures in the commercial court list.

In Europe could be eliminated. This would only result in a reduction in the worldwide creation of wealth to the detriment of everyone, including the developing countries.

What the EEC is seeking is a helence of armost unities for As you are aware, international commérce favours our commercial judges favours our commercial Judges for speed and competence. In turn the number of foreign companies who pay to have their litigation tried in this country contribute a great deal of foreign currency in the form of costs, hotel bills and the like running into millions all and in an effort to achieve this it is not unreasonable to ask the major exporters (of which Hongkong is the largest) who have enjoyed unprecethe like, running into millions per year. We now have the sperracle of Her Majesty's judges of the commercial court dented growth during the past four years to move over and allow the poorer, less developed nations "a share of the cake". A cake that will have a guaranteed annual increase which in times of depressed demand in the EEC can only result in increasing unemolovment in the textile and clothing industries in its member punges of the commercial court being sent off to the Old Bailey, whilst long standing fixtures involving millions of pounds are left high and dra. No wonder foreign utigants are beginning to wonder if their choice of venue is the correct one after all.

Beeching's recommendations and the cutting back of High Court judges are in direct con-With respect my Lord Bishop, charity must now become at home—we honestly believe that we have set a splendid Court judges are in direct con-trast. Any competent recorder appointed deputy High Court judge could try the more serious criminal cases, leaving the properly qualified special-ist judges to try the compli-cated cases they were appointed so to do.

In a recent application for a fin a recent application for a stood-over fixture to be refixed. Mr Justice Donaidson said that next term he has already 296 working days of fixtures to deal with, but only 191 hidden days to the them. 184 judge days to try them. This is without taking into account any cases spilling over into next term, unfinished, and present fixtures as yet untried. The summer term shows 393 trial days to 280 judge days.

This situation is rife in every civil division of the High Court, be it London or the provinces. Has the higher echelon of the legal executive com-pletely lost its way? Yours faithfully,

land

From Mr R. C. Grinhan Sir, Professor Michael Chis-holm (November 24) has hit the nail on the head when he the nail on the head when he suggests that the reason why large areas of potentially usable land remain derelict has something to do with the fact that such land is currently exempt from rating. In those cities of the world where land is rated, whether developed or not the tendency is for land to not, the tendency is for land to be developed, and idle land on the scale to be found in British cities is not known.

Nothing would more quickly result in idle land being put to productive use than the introment of the introduction of a rate on idle sites.

Apart from the aesthetic and environmental benefit such a measure would go a long way to alleviating the present short-age of houses by stimulating building on the thousands of acres of land on which outline planning permission has been obtained for housing but which still remain undeveloped.
Yours faithfully. R. C. GRINHAM,

Secretary, Rating Reform Campaign, 177 Vauxhall Bridge Road,

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Sickness and self-employed

From the Secretary, Brent Chamber of Commerce Sir, Mr Ryan's letter (November 25) repeats the fallacy that the self-employed are not eligible for sickness benefit.

Unfortunately, this misconception is shared by many who, accordingly, fail to claim their just rights, and one would ask the Ministry of Social Security to give wider publicity to the fact that the self-employed are entitled to self-employed are entitled to claim sickness benefit.
Yours faithfully,

BERTRAM S. ASH, 16a, Craven Park Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4AB.

SPOONER INDUSTRIES

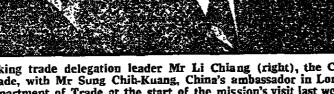
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Yeer ended 30th September 1976 Turnover 10,101,000 9,427,000 Profit before taxation* 825,432 489,284 Earnings per share* 5.58p Dividends per share 2.641p 2.365p *Before exchange losses (1976 : profits)

1976/77 was a successful year's trading resulting in the highest profits in the history of the Company. The Board is confident of a further increase in profits in 1977/78.

The Dividend recommended for 1976/77 is the maximum permissible but the Board intends to recommend a substantially greater dividend when legislation permits.

Annual General Meeting will be held at likley or 3rd February, 1978.



Department of Trade at the start of the mission's visit last week.

scientific instruments, non-electric and electrical machinery, synthetic organic dye-stuffs, and synthetic fibre areas.

Last week Mr Li made it clear, too, that his country wanted to import large quanti-

Mounting the attack on a £45m building

state corporations—there are nearly twenty—which look after the various industrial and com-mercial sectors. These range locks after complete plants, to those catering for light indus-trial products, publications and

Only important contracts are

Simple procedures have been adopted to relay information

up and down the line of com-mand quickly and to ensure that men have not been delayed—and thus frustrated—

those in supervisory roles, for instance, have two note pads, one for issuing instructions, the other for seeking decisions.

In an industry where "getting it in writing" is important, but often time-consum-

ing, the system acts as an early warning of potential problems and a fast way of achieving design alterations and deci-

nade to ensure that work would not be delayed for want of materials. Sumpliers

of materials. Suppliers and subcontractors were asked to

have materials on site eight weeks before the programme indicated they would be needed. Stocks were stored in

large underground vaults, a welcome legacy of the goods yards which once occupied the

want of instructions. All

take several years. As in many overseas countries, China has proved a market where persist-

credit basis.

great store. This is by attending the spring and autumn fairs at kwangchow—the former Can-ton Fair—which is a shop window for Chinese goods. All the main Chinese corporations are represented at the fairs.

that of the USSR.

The will to continue to assist in the development of the Third World is unabated in other entry permits. And once at the shows a businessman with export as well as import inten-tions could well find his hands full.

Derek Harris

Thoughts of the chief executive

The chief executive is the keystone of a company. Not only is he at the apex of the structure, with his weight bringing (it is hoped) stability and solidity, but he is also in the position through which the greatest range of pressures and changes of circumstance are

There has probably never een a time since the Industrial Revolution when the business environment has thrown up so many questions and provided so few assured answers, and it is the chief executive who above all has to cope with these un-

It was, therefore, a good idea on the part of Mr C. Graeme Roe to collect in one book* the views of 20 eminent chief executives about their job, how it is changing and what qualities it requires of them. It is probably the neatest single way of taking the pulse of industry and

John Huxley

There is a good measure of agreement among chief executives about the factors that are changing their role. There are the ever more sensitive ques-tions of industrial relations and relations with government; the problems of providing leader-ship while avoiding autocracy; the difficulty of coping with the large quantities of information provided by management infor-

The differences emerge in the way in which the individual reacts to these factors: how he relates to his fellow board memhers; whether for example, he believes it is the chairman or managing director who should he chief executive

The author avows that "there is no thesis to this book "—and this gives it both its greatest attraction and its chief limitation. Because there is no thesis Mr Roe has been able to let his chief executives speak for themselves without having to arrange their views to suit the conveni-ence of an argument. But because there is no thesis there is really no conclusion; in its heginning is its end, namely the premise that the role of the premise that the role of the chief executive is changing.

*The Changing Role of the Chief Executive, by C. Graeme Roe (Jean Macgregor and Asso-

Furniture sales trends

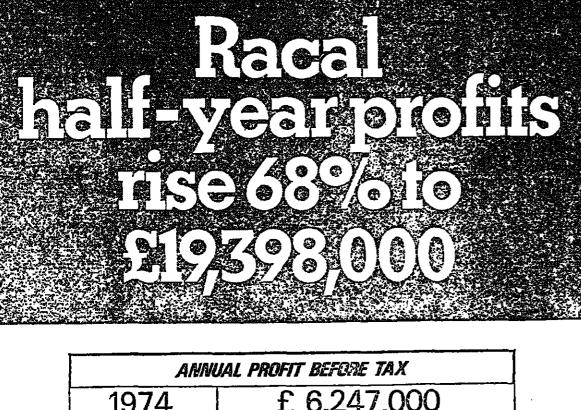
New light on the pattern of domestic furniture industry sales comes from a new plan-ning guide, produced by the Furniture Industry Research Association (FIRA).

One analysis demonstrates the steadily growing importance of multiple furnishers. In 1976, it is estimated, they accounted for 40 per cent of total sales amounting to £759.6m. In 1971 multiples, which are defined as organiza-tions with 10 or more branches, accounted for only 36 per cent of total business.

The multiples, largely aiming at the mass market with rel-atively cheaper merchandise make 62 per cent of their sales on a credit basis compared with the 38 per cent of independent stores, the majority of which are single store traders.

Co-op outlets accounted for about 6 per cent of total fur-nishing sales in 1976 with sales of beds amounting to 7.7 per cent of total industry sales. Among department stores Among department stores other than Co-ops, around 85 per cent sell furniture; their emphasis is on quality with a large proportion made up of nationally branded goods.

DH * Sales Planning Guide for the Domestic Furniture Industry, the Furniture Industry Research Association, Maxwell Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire (150 to non-members of FIRA,



INTERIM RESULTS

ANI	NUAL PROFIT BEFORE TAX
1974	£ 6,247,000
1975	£ 9,559,000
1976	£19,646,000
1977	£32,714,000
1978	EXCESS £45,000,000

The Directors of Racal Electronics Limited are pleased to announce that the unaudited pre-tax net profit for the half-year ended 30th September 1977 amounted to £19,398,000 (1976 £11,524,000).

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the profit before taxa. . . . or the year ending 31st March 1978 will be in excess of £45,000,000.



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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Signs of action on nationalization cash

n a little publicized answer to a question the House of Lords on November 17, the lovernment indicated that it will make an aterim compensation payment in January o companies whose shipbuilding or airframe oterests have been nationalized. Further nterim payments could be made if

This payment, of course, will be without rejudice to the eventual outcome either of egotiations between the Government's countrants, Whinney Murray, and share-olders' representatives who have been ppointed by the companies, or of the rbitration procedure which will be brought nto operation if negotiation fails.

So. apart from getting useful payments n account, the companies involved should lso get a fair idea of the minimum total hey will receive. The snag, though, is that hareholders may remain in the dark for ome time to come.

For although the companies will know he basis on which the payments are being nade, they and the Government will want o keep all details secret until negotiations

The January payments are in fact expected o be around three-quarters of the Whinney Aurray valuation but there is really no clue s to what this will be yet. Their reception y the market will depend on how they neasure up to outside estimates of total ompensation which have been made using he arbitration formula. This treats the com-anies as if they had been quoted prior to he announcement of the Government's lationalization plans.

And it is still far from clear what many if the groups are going to do with the money vhen they get it.

Hawker Siddeley has already received round £50m from the repayment of loans and is now, if anything, slightly underteared. Certainly the company itself would be happy to have a ratio of 2:1 of capital mployed to loans, which gives it getting on or £200m to spend on acquisitions, if it hould want to. With these funds available whether it gets another £20m or £60m from compensation will not radically alter the group's strategy, though the right kind of equisitions are clearly difficult to find at he right price, a fact that Laird Group, for xample, which must expect around £10m or both its airframe and shipbuilding nterests, has had to recognize with the

ailure of its offer for Charrington. GEC, which, of course, has plenty of ash anyway, is really too large to be adically affected by its share of compensation from BAC; Vickers will suffer more ly losing its share of BAC earnings and it las already spent considerable resources prior to nationalization in an attempt to build up other activities. Whether Vickers zets £40m or £100m, then, will clearly affect ts strategy from now on-and its share

An intriguing possibility is still presented by Vosper, which is controlled by David Brown. It has built up a 21 per cent stake ince the announcement of nationalization n fellow warship maker, Yarrow.

With the major payments being made to ill companies in January-probably in imilar form to the 93 per cent Treasury 1981 stock issued for the quoted stocks of Robb Caledon and John Kincaid in June he urgency for companies to say what they tre going to do with the compensation is

For the Government will clearly want to et its negotiations tied up before the vhole process down, there could be reason o hope for compensation terms which are ather more generous than many people had ome to expect.

Diesels

Two British component makers

So far there has been little excitement in British Automotive diesel engine production mainly because of the sluggish truck and tractor markets and the reduction of the incentive to buy car diesels for fuel economy due to the slightly higher price of the fuel relative to perrol.

Even so the attractions of increased mog for the high mileage business car user are prompting Ford to introduce a diesel Granada next year while British Leyland seems to be ready with a diesel Princess, though penetration into the volume end of the market must be a long way off. So the real prospects are abroad and the British beneficiaries are likely to be the diesel component makers.

In their analysis of the motor industry Phillips & Drew point first to Europe where fuel price differentials have helped diesel car sales, almost all from Peugeot and Mercedes, from 200,000 in 1973 to 330,000 in 1976. Lucas Industries have said thisfigure should reach 500,000 this year

> Lucas diesel injection. With more models in the pipeline diesel car sales in Europe could be heading for million, 10 per cent of the market, by

boosted by the introduction of a diesel

version of the Volkswagen Golf which uses

And in the United States the Government insistence of greater fuel economy in manufacturers' fleets added to a relaxation of the nitric oxide emission regulations could mear diesel penetration of the car

market of up to 25 per cent by 1985.

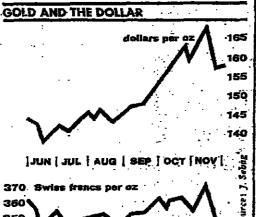
Both Lucas and Associated Engineering have seen the possibilities and are spending heavily. With Bosch, Lucas is the world leader in diesel injectors and has every chance of carring a large client of the

chance of carving a large slice of the United States market for itself.

Lucas, says, moreover, that the number of customers specifying diesel for industrial equipment has increased from 25 per cent to 40 per cent over the last three years. So the diesel has become a major growth factor for the group, with the 25-30 per cent of sales now taken by diesel equipment

expected to grow substantially.

AE has about the same level of involvement but must face stiff competition with its bearings and pistons even though it is clearly linked to a market with high potential. For investors seeking to participate, Lucas, which seems set to make profits of £82m in 1977/78 looks a good opportunity. With the shares at 269p the p/e ratio is 6.1 and the yield is 5.1 per cent on a dividend covered nearly 5 times.



• A sharp fall to \$1581 an ounce in the gold hopes of bullion passing through \$180 this. year and has even made \$170, which was being so confidently forecast only a short while ago, look doubtful. What gold followers have tended to for-

get is how much the dollar has suffered and thus, to a certain extent, the price rise has been artificial as was the rise of copper. for example, during the sterling crisis. Since the beginning of last year, gold in dollar terms has risen by about 15 per cent but has remained level-pegging when expressed in Swiss francs.

And if the rise since August, 1976, has been real enough, the 34 per cent increase in Swiss franc terms should be compared to the 52 per cent dollar gain. And, as the chart shows, gold has actually fallen in Swiss francs, while rising in dollar terms since the

beginning of June.

That said, the burgeoning US gold futures market has had a significant impact on the course of bullion. Other outlets for American investment funds, such as Wall Street and the hard commodity markets have, of course, been relatively unattractive. The recent slide verhaps illustrates the

effect of futures As the price moved down other positions were closed as speculators failed to increase their margins, thus magnifying the drop and setting up a self feeding downturn. As the price retreated the professionals holding physical gold also got out so they could move in again at lower prices, setting up erratic movements in the

Wednesday's IMF auction, then, is seen as being one of the more important for some time. Since the last auction there has been some loss of confidence in gold-the price is currently below the last auction price of \$161.86 an ounce A good response could go far towards restoring confidence.

Hugh Stephenson

Imperfections in the investment market

authority defaulted on a loan recently that is West Ham in the 1920s. No one can remember the last time that the British Government so defaulted, for the perfectly good reason that it

It is possible that the international It is possible that the international investment community, despite this longist record, thinks that some European based borrower, like the European Coal and Steel Community, has a better credit rating than the British Government, though it is not immediately obvious, why. It is, however, not clear why a

wholly domestic private sector institu-tion, like Finance for Industry or Fisons or Courteulds can raise money via the Euro-sterling market more cheaply than the Government.

One should, of course, be happy for these companies that they have been able to arrange cheap, internationallysubscribed: issues in sterling. Let us

the longer-term fixed-interest deben-ture marker for British companies may be restored to its past glory.

Looked at from the point of view

of the lender, however, it cannot be logical that someone who has decided, for whatever personal reasons, to invest at fixed interest in sterling should put money into a private sector company for less return than is freely available even now from governmentsponsored securities."

one knows the size of this tappable pool of Euro-sterling, though terms than many suspect. The govern-ment itself might be tempted to borrow from it at effective rates even less than British companies get were it not for the fact that such borrowings would do nothing to keep the sterling money supply under the sort of control that is now being agreed with the team from the International Monetary Fund. Much is made of the fact that the

market are totally anonymous bearer bonds, attractive to the most coy holder of sterling. It is, however, difficult to believe that Swiss banks or other nominees could not achieve the same sort of service for clients, while earning a larger rate of return and even greater security from the British Government

It seems in fact that an extraordinarily imperfect market is being operated against those foreigners who, for whatever reason, want to invest at the moment at fixed interest in sterling securities.

And it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the main reason lies in the commission structure for those who have the placing power in this newly reborn Euro-sterling market, among them the principal Swiss banks, Those acting with discretion or as brokers get more for putting their clients into FFI than into war loans, even if their clients get less.

The revived Euro-sterling market is a clear bonus for those able and willing to tap it. It is relatively cheap and does not impose many of the sort of obligations that tends to attach a other kinds of fixed interest borrowing. This only serves to underline another imperfection in the existing market.

For, if A-grade British companies or institutions can borrow in the Eurosterling market cheaper than the British Government can itself borrow sterling domestically, even such com-panies are unable to borrow in the United Kingdom ar anything like the rate available to the British Govern-

The main reason is that the market has decided, almost as an administrative measure, that the rating of local authorities will be substantially worse than that of the Government: and that even the best companies must rank after the worst local authorities.

Melvyn Westlake reports on prospects after the failure of the North-South commodity talks

A fund of ill will in search of conciliation

It is unlikely to prove the end of the road for

these negotiations...But what has

caused particular resentment among the Third

World countries is a belief that

the rich nations are now going back on

promises made to them last summer

during the North-South dialogue in Paris

Not for the first time, the rich industrial nations totally misjudged the mood and temper of the poor Third World countries during the Geneva negotiations which collapsed at the end of last week. The collapse came after an abortive month-long attempt to recast world trade in raw materials.

Only the incurable optimist could have expected that the 100-nation conference would have completed its ambitious task during this perticular round of negotiations. But the sudden suspension of talks on Thursday could have been foreseen by few people.

The suspension was an un-precedented move for this type habit of continuing well beyond the scheduled termination date. It is not uncom-mon for the Third World nations of Africa, Asia and Latin America to threaten to walk out of meetings, but in the past this has rightly been seen as bluff.

This time, by calling for a suspension 24 hours before the conference was due to end, the developing nations clearly felt that there was more to be gained by raising the political temperature than continuing to search for an agreed formula for bringing the talks to an end, which might give a deceptive arrest and send to the search to the talks to an end, which might give a deceptive arrest arre tive appearance of success.

It is unlikely to prove the end of the road for these negoend of the Toan for these nego-tiations. A way will almost certainly be found for getting them started again, perhaps next spring. The developing countries have calculated that when they are resumed, the rich nations will be prepared to make greater concessions than were likely to be forthcoming at the tail end of the

latest talks. They have good reason for believing this. As Mr. Gordon Barrass, the British spokesman for all the rich countries, told the final plenary meeting:

"All our governments will need a period for reflection in the light of the recitors toler. the light of the positions taken up in the course of our work

at this session." Japan, the United States and Japan, the United States and
the countries of western
Europe have already shifted
their positions greatly during
the last two years from the
initial outright hostility that they expressed towards the Third World demands for reater regulation and control

of commodity prices on world

They have agreed to the establishment of a new inter-national agency, called the Common Fund, to assist in regulating markets. The dif-ferences between the rich and proor nations now centre on precisely what role such a new international agency should have, how it would be and what powers it should be given.

There is broad agreement mon Rund. They want the indi-that such an agency would vidual commodity organizations operate in conjunction with to be much more autonomous. There is broad agreement

individual commodity agree Decisions about buffer stocking ments negotiated between consumers and producers of particular products. The real differences are about the relationship between the Common Fund and the individual commodity organizations; whether they would be administered by

the Common Fund, or whether they would be largely auroncountries see the Common Fund as a powerful instrument for intervening directly on the commodity markets, receiving from govern ments for this purpose, and borrowing further sums from the banks and the international capital markets.

According to calculations made by the secretariat of the United Nations conference on Trade and Development in Geneva, about \$6,000m Geneva, about \$6,000m (£3,300m) could be needed ultimately by the Common Fund, if it operated along the lines envisaged by the developing

This money would be used to build up outfer stocks for commodities when prices are falling. When prices rise the stocks would be re-said in the market. In this way fluctuations in raw material prices tions in raw material prices

would be smoothed out. In addition to this, the Common Fund would have a so-called "second window", under Third World proposals, which would enable it to under "other measures". These would include measures to regulate commodities that could not be stocked, perhaps because they are perishable.

The developing countries further think that these "other measures" would include helping producers to diversify out of unprofitable crops, as well as promoting research into as promoting research into new uses for commodities and new marketing techniques.

The rich consumers of raw meterials take a very different view of the role of the Comwould be the exclusive pre-serve of the individual comwould be financed directly by the consumers and producers of particular products.

from falling.

rich countries at the Geneva conference was that the individual commodity organiza-tions would deposit with the Common Fund some 75 per cent of the finance deemed necessary to give effective con-trol of the market. This would nations is over the manage-give an entitlement to draw out of the Common Fund a The developed countries mainfigure equivalent to 100 per tain that greater control cent of what was needed when should go to those nations that the occasion arose.

The additional 25 per cent from the Common Fund would be borrowed by the fund from the banks, backed by credit guarantees from the rich guarantees from the fich nations. However, these ratios are still negotiable, the rich countries maiatain, and the size of the overdraft could be bigger than 25 per cent.

They have conceded that the commodity organizations themselves should be financed by both producers and consumers, whereas, traditionally, commo-dity buffer stocks have been financed solely by the poor producers. This, together with their willingness to provide credit guarantees for the Common Fund's own borrowing, is seen by the rich nations as a large concession.

However, the rich hardliners are sceptical about a need for the Common Fund to have a second window, arguing that the World Bank and other international aid agencies will be providing about \$3,000m to the Third World producers bethe Third World producers be-tween 1975 and 1979 for

measures like those envisaged much greater than likely to be forthcoming from the Common Fund for such activities.

The developing countries the consumers and producers of particular products.

The common Fund would operate more like a bank, receiving the surplus cash of the commodity organizations and providing them with a kind of overdraft facility when their cash resources are insufficient for their stocking operations or preventing prices from falling.

The developing countries counter these arguments by asying that the \$3,000m is not enough and, any way, is given in a piecemeal fashion. What is needed is new agency which can take an overall view of the inactive for primary products, and which could be supported in its work by the World Bank and other institutious.

Moreover, they say, it would

role.

between the rich and poor put up most money. The Third World producers are agitating for at least 50 per cent contro of the Common Fund in an attempt to break the monopoly control of international institutions which the rich nations have traditionally exercised, particularly over agencies like the World Bank and the Inter-

national Monetary Fund. The great difficulty getting agreement between the rich and poor nations is that the requirements of the African group are not the same as the requirements of the Asians or the Latin Americans.

Therefore, concessions have to come simultaneously on several fronts. Anything could split the unity of the Third World which has conriqued to remain surprisingly unified. Single concessions by the developed nations are sus-pected of being motivated by a desire to break this solidarity.

By contrast with the Third World, the rich nations have appeared greatly divided. The Nordic states and the Netherlands have shown a willingness to concede many more of the developing countries' demands than have the hardliners—the United States, Britain, West Germany and Japan, This has given rise to scornful remarks about the "gang of four". with the nuts

What has caused particular Common Fund.

resentment among the Third World countries is a belief that the rich nations are now going back on promises made to them last summer during North-South dialogue in

Part of the motive for the Third World's move to get the Geneva conference suspended was their view that at each conference the developed countries appear to be making concessions which they try to wriggle out of in the early stages of succeeding negotia-

Another source or bitterness is what is seen as the low rank of negoriators deployed by many of the rich nations, which is thought to reflect the low level of priority given by them to the commodity talks. Many of the Third World countries were employing their permanent United Nations

By contrast, the United States permanent ambassador was rarely to be seen. Instead, was rarely to be seen. Instead, the chief American negotiator was a more junior official from the State Department. In Britain's case, Sir James Botter tomly, the permanent ambassa-dor, was also a good deal less prominent than the more junior Mr Gordon Barrass.

Perhaps this partly accounted for the resounding applause given by the develop-ing countries in plenary to Mr. Jan Pronk, the Durch Minister Moreover, they say, it would for Overseas Development and to regulate commodity markets along the lines they suggest, on the month-long congruence was that the commodity organizations would deposit with the common Fund a part of the month-long congruence.

The question is now, where A final area of disagreement do we go from here? The debetween the rich and poor veloping factions have threamations is over the manage-ened to "go it alone" and set ment of the Common Fund. But it is hard to see how this could ever be really successful moral support of the developed

> On the other hand, a Third World Common Fund could certainly have a worryingly disruptive influence on world markets in the short-term even if it ultimately failed in its objective of controlling prices.
> Arguably, it would be better
> for the rich nations to have some control over its activities, even if it was different in kind to the institution they would prefer.

Moreover, a worsening of relations between developed and developing countries will make it still harder to deal with other, and possibly more serious, problems than those of commodity price regulation, notably the dramatic fall in the level of new investment in raw material production. This threatens to cause great scarcity and high prices when the world economy picks up.

Both Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and Mr Edmund Dell, the British Secretary of State Trade, have given warnings recently about this danger. It is a problem that cannot be neglected for long, and it would be short-sighted for the rich nations to delay a solution in this area because of a single-minded preoccupation with the nuts and bolts of a

Business Diary in Europe: A reluctant consumer champion?

pean League for Economic Cooperation, is delighted that he has attracted Richard Burke, the Irish European Commissioner with responsibility for consumer affairs, to give his first major speech in London at their conference this week.

what impression the commistives to married couples. sioner makes. Since his arrival in Brussels, succeeding Dr which commissioner was to Hilkery, now his country's president. Burke has been trying to live down an unlovable reputation which preceded him. Coming from the clerical,

right-wing of the Fine Gael, Burke was a personal appointment to the Brussels job by his close friend Liam Cosgrave, the former prime minister, whose subsequent heavy defeat in a



benches.

One way in which Burke had ingratiated himself with the former Taoiseach was by joining him in voting against a bill brought forward by the coali-tion government of which they It will be interesting to see legalize the sale of contracep-In the night-long haggle over

might have liked foreign affairs, or agriculture would have provided a useful springboard for his intended return to his own country's politics, including taxation, transport, consumer affairs, and relations with the European Parliament. Consumerists have not found Burke a convincing champion thus far. At a conference in
Dublin in September the
commissioner, formerly an
ultra-conservative minister of
Education in Ireland, found himself sharply criticized for ment in Paris.

saying that consumer education was "undesirable" in primary schools. nument to consumer affairs will be submitting to EEC heads hardly presages an inspiring of government at their speech on Thursday manufactures of government at their speech on the speech of the spee

Douglas Hurd MP, director of general election has since dic-some news of action, instead of with the frustration of his more the British section of the Euro-tated a return to the back, the usual carefully listed provisionary monetary schemes are fessions of good intent.

> Roy Jenkins's "cabinet" the team of specialist advisers attached to each European Commissioner—will shortly lose the economic expertise of Michael Emerson, who has played a large part in the commission's attempt to relaunch the EEC towards economic and monetary

Emerson is expected to replace Manfred Wegner as head of the division looking after national economies and economic trends within the commission department responsible economic and financial but he ended up with a ragbag affairs. Wegner will be taking up a new job in Bonn.

Emerson is no stranger to DG 11, as the economic affairs department is called, having worked there before joining president Jenkins's cabinet. Prior to that he was attached to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Develop-It is no secret that Emerson had argued the case for a much

more rapid move towards monespeech on Thursday morning at meeting in Brussels today. tors and barristers. The Italians state Cafe Royal.

Suggestions that his change have no less than 230 legal what the assembled consonerists will want to hear is promotion, has anything to do another.

discounted. No names have yet been mentioned for his replace-

David Edward, a 43-year-old Scottish advocate (barrister) becomes next mouth the first British president of the Consultative Committee of the Bars and Law Societies of the European Community.
This is the link between

barristers solicitors and throughout the community and between them and Brussels. Edward, who is also by far the youngest man to assume the presidency, succeeds Frenchman Albert Brunois.

Edward drew up CCBE's delightfully named Declaration Perugia, which was made public in September (in Liège for reasons best known to the CCBE). The declaration enunciates

the principles of professional conduct upon which the many lawyers' associations of the mine could erect a code of prac-tice to which all could subscribe. It's not as simple as getting one country's lawyers to agree with those of another. British, for example, do not

have a national interprofes-sional body uniting both solici-tors and barristers. The Italians



David Edward at the weekend.

Edward is now preparing for the first CCBE meeting of his two-year term, which will be in Paris next month. This is to clear the ground for a full-dress meeting in Bordeaux in April -a meeting likely to be attended by a Spanish observer. One theme of his period of office, Edward says, will be the need to reshape legal studies so that the profession anticipates changes to come rather than to react to what has already taken place.

The West German motor industry is to have a new chief lobbyist from the beginning of April next year when Horst that some students spend more Backsmann (57), at present a time queuing than caring. It's member of the Volkswagen the district's college of design.

managing board, takes over on the retirement of Dr Johann Heinrich von Brunn as presi dent of the VDA, the German automobile industry association. Backsmann's responsibilities at Volkeswagen are fairly wide spread. He is in charge of the

auditing, legal and economics

departments as well as VW's

public relations which prob ably gives him as good a grounding as any for the job of automobile industry association president. For although the motor industry boom of the past two years has demonstrated that he motor car is very much the Germans' favourite toy, this has not always been the case. Fresh

in the memory is the slump in demand that followed the oil crisis of 1973. The VDA, therefore, takes its public relations role very seriously while Backsmann's legal experience should be useful when it comes to tackling such tangled issues as harmon izing spandards and exhaust regulations in the EEC and

My eye was taken by an item in my local paper describing complaints about a nearby school. The classrooms are so cramped that teaching is difficult and the canteen so tiny

farther afield.

HERMAN SMITH LIMITED The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the

Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Herman G. Smith: The trading profit for the year ended 30th June, 1977, was 556,174, subject only to tax, which compares with 5238,609 for the previous year. The value of direct exports from the U.K. increased by 41° to 5356,364. All the operating subsidiaries of your Group encountered severely adverse tracing conditions and, regrettably, it was necessary to merch lower levels of work load with a reduction in our work force of 23%. The financial cost of this was substantial and is included in the accounts.

HERMAN SMITH (MACHINING) and HERMAN SMITH (AERO SERVICES) have become progressively interwoven in their activities and it has been decided to amalgamate them into a new, wholly owned, subsidiary company, Herman Smith (Procision Engineers). Orders and delivery programmes have shown a substantially improved trend in recent months. I believe that the improvement will continue and expect ber r results this year, HERMAN SMITH (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS) has shown an improvement. Aggressive marieting has improved the level

of contracts on hand, despite fierce competition. HERMAN SMITH (SPECIAL PRODUCTS) operated as a self-contained unit designing, manufacturing and selling our own range of in-flight catering equipment to airlines, throughout the world. Trading results were satisfactory but competition for available business is particularly intense.

HERMAN SMITH (PRESSWORK) achieved reasonable results in view of the slack demand in the autumn of 1976.

Prospects for the current year are encouraging

GENERAL. The difficulties of the year bave been contained
and profits of £94,112 earned in the second half. The forward
order position and prospects of your Group Lave improved and
I feel sure that your Group will show improved results this year.

Copies of the Report can be obtained from the Secretary Cinderbank Works, Dudley, West Midlands DY 2 9AH.

THE TIMES SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 1977

Industry in the regions

Aberdeen penalized for success in the oil-related business

Despite the onset of winter east Scotland, Aberdeen is still basking in the glow of this worth of business was done inside four days—with the prospects of total contracts placed expected to be £200m over the next few months.

Although the contracts will be spread, world-wide oilrelated firms which now number 420 in Grampian Region, that wedge of Northeast Scotland between Aberdeen and Inverness, would certainly have taken orders worth many millions, adding hard cash to Aberdeen's warm after-glow brought about by concentrated attention from the world's most powerful energy

Offshore oil as is commonly and correctly recognized has transformed the economic face of the Region and its capital city providing a seemingly ever expanding demand for near-at-hand services and skills, a magnet drawing companies into the area to serve that demand as well as encouragement for local industry to diversify into the oil world, and in the process turning a sluggish regional economy into an expanding one.

A solid service and admini-A solid service and admin-strative infrastructure has been established in the area to serve the needs of the offshore oil and gas industry employing directly 11,100 people, while many locally-established com-panies offering a variety of manufacturing, commercial, financial and correctle services manufecturing commercial, financial and personnel services for the oil world as an addition to their traditional interests give total employment directly or indirectly related to the offshore energy industry of 20,000.

Supply and victualling, storage and warehousing, stock control, freight, forwarding, ship and air charter, labour and plant hire, divers, diving supply and back-up, general engineering, onshore and off-shore fabrication, supply boats and services, geological, analytical and consultancy secrices. cal and consultancy services drilling, communication and rectronic equipment . . . and much more operate from the region for the oil industry.

And of course there is a queue to join the Aberdeen oil train. A line of 120 companies looking for office, factory, depot, warehouse and storage

due to last for at least seven if has met its response from both not a full eight months in North-local authority and private developers. Scotland Aberdeen is still velopers, with an on-going programme of advance factory units and serviced sites for autumn's Offshore Europe building, although demand cerexhibition where a tidy £50m tainly exceeds supply at the

> With all of that Aberdeen should be putting on its top hat and tails except that it has suffered one of the more cruel ironies ever inflicted on an area in the Government's juggling with regional aid schemes. From next April the Aberdeen Em-ployment Exchange area, covering 60 per cent of Grampian Region's population and half the Region's total area, will be downgraded from development area status to intermediate status, losing a crucial 20 per cent grant for new plant and machinery, although grants for buildings and various forms of selective assistance will remain. Aberdeen, the only inter-

mediate area in Scotland and North of England has been penalized for its success—suc-cess in attracting and keeping oil-related industries, while stimulating local firms to take part in the wider oil horizons as well as to become more com-petitive and efficient within their own industries. Mr Bruce Millian, the Secretary of State, was painfully clear when he was painfully clear when he made his abrupt amnouncement in Aberdeen this April that the area, with at that time an unemployment rate half Scotland's national figure, now had considerable permanent employment arising from oil and the selective with assistance to spread new job opportunities to other parts of Scotland.

But it is the area's traditional manufacturing industries, par-ticularly papermaking and tex-tiles with their necessary longterm reinvestment and reequip-ment plans, which will feel the first cool draughts from the Government's decision.

Long-term predictions are at best hazy for the moment, but some factual consequences are clear. According to a survey conducted by Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, capital expen-diture on the part of 20 major companies employing 44 per cent of industrial workers in the area eligible for the 20 per cent grant in the current financial year amounted to £7.8m. And the projected eligible expenditure for the next three years come to £26m, with the 20 per cent grant standing at £5.2m—which of course will not

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Lord Nelson of Stafford, chair-

E-Ze Hidgs, Moss Bros, Shaw & Marvin and Standard Chartered

Bank. Fluzis.—F. Cooper, Elson & Robbins, Flexello Castors & Wheels, Kelsey Inds, Rank Hovis McDougall, Redfearn Nat Glass, Wearra Grp, and Wolverhampton & Dudlov Brous

ley Brews.
WEDNESDAY: Interims.—Armi-

Cost of bread strike may bite into RHM

Foods, both manufacturing and retailing, will be in the spoulight this week with some Sons, Vinten Grp, Whitecroft, and Wyndham Eng. Finals.—Davemport Brewery. TOMORROW of the largest and smallest groups in the sector publishing TUESDAY: Interims,—Andersons Rubber, Bankers Inv Tst, G. Bassett Hidgs, Birmingham Mint, Bristol Evening Post, Carless, Capel & Leonard, Chapman & Co (Balham), General Electric, Kleen-

One of the first to show how well, or badly, it has been trading is bakery giant Ranks Hovis McDougall, reporting year figures tomorrow. Brokers Joseph Sebag are none-too-optimistic of the outcome, estimating a dip in pre-tax profits to around £37.5m against £40m. These figures do not take into account the cost of the September bread strike—likely to exceed Associated British Food's £2m loss—which will bite bard into the interim profits of the current year.

Almost doubled half-time Thursday's figures from J. Lyons rising from £4.5m last year to £8m this time round. And Sebag is also expecting an increase on Wednesday from Northern Foods, the Hull-

This week

produce supplier. Northern supermarkets group Lennons is also likely to have some of the gloss knocked-off profits this time round. L. Messel are going for interim results of around £900,000 on Friday against a previous £808,000. The Tesco-inspired High Stree: price war has made the going tougher on the supermarket side while the fresh fruit business has been hit by rising costs and near-stable prices. However the wines and spirits division is running well shead of last year with the large stocks bought ahead of the Chancellor's December measures contributing to in-

wednesday: Interins.—Armitage Shanks, Athwood Garages, Braham Millar, Cawdaw Ind, Coalite & Chemical, English Card Clothing, Hanson Tst. Leaderflush, Phoenix Timber (Nine Months), Pilkington Bros, Russell Bros (Paddington), Westhrick Prods, and Wheway Wasson Hidgs. Finals.—Burton Grp., J. S. Devenish, Englon Plastics, Glenmurray Inv Tst., NSS Newsagents, Northern Foods, Rawsome Hoffman Pollard, Whessoe, John Williams of Cardiff and H. Young. THURSDAY: Interins.—Bambergers, Baker Perkins, Blakey's, Brit Tar Prods, Castings, Churchbury Ests, DDM Hidgs, Graham Wood Strel, Haslemere, Holyrood Rubber, Hongkong (Selango), Rubber, James Latham, Ldn Merchant Secs, J. Lyons, Philips Lamps Hidgs, Premier Consolidated Oiffields, and Somportex Hidgs.—Castifield Rubber Ests. creased sales and better mar-Focusing on GEC, which reports its interim figures to-morrow, Grieveson, Grant fore-cast a profit of £137.5m with a projection of at least £320m for the full year. The blue for the full year. The blue chip group turned in £119.8m at the half-way stage last year, and £278m for the full 12

months. Tossed and torn on the troubled waters of the take-over front Redfearn National Glass will also unvaeil its results to-

ant standing at focurse will not one.

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Wines and spirits may keep ahead of beer

The season for browing ndustry figures got under way last week with Bass Charrington, and brokers Fanmure Gordon have taken a tamely look at the sector with their half-yearly review.

Overable they point out that beer production fell very sharply in the peak summer months from the levels of 1976 and there has been a corre-sponding depression in wines and spirits, though here there are some recovery indications. In spite of price increases in April to June profits are thought to have been little more than maintained during April to October.

The brokers see the pickup in consumer spending as possibly channelled to durables and bousing due to low interest rates rather than beer, though wines and spirits could benefit In investment terms brewery shares have performed well since the spring, particularly since the market's peak in

Brokers' views

September and Pannure believes this trend could con-tinue if investors see consumer spending as the key to sector movements in the immediate

On a six-mouth view they select: Allied Breweries, Bass Charrington, Arthur Guinness, Scottish & Newcastle and Wol-

Scottish & Newcastle and Wolverhampton & Dudley.

The last one is a relative tiddler among the other giants, but its inclusion is justified by the fact that the Price Commission may well not be so interested in containing beer prices for the small companies as for the last of the small companies as for the last of the small companies.

one note of caution sounded is that the sector performance is expected to be good relatively but, "We do not believe that but, "We do not believe that their attractions are strong enough to prevent the shares from falling in absolute terms if a downward trend is estab ished for equities in general.

1970 is the only recent year
when brewery shares moved in
an opposite direction to the

market." Wood Mackenzie have been looking at the opposite insur-ance sector after their nine month results and the massive £74m rights issue from Com-mercial Union.

The brokers point out the

the brokers point out the the announcement had an adverse effect on the sector, specifically because Royal with the lowest solvency margin in the sector was thought likely to follow suit.

However, Royal's retentions of £120m this year and next compared with £70m at CU and its strong United Kingdom capital position lead the brokers to believe a Benefit of the brokers to tal position lead the broken is un-

Earnings per share for the year have been revised up-wards in 16.7p for CU and 53.2p for Royal and downwards slightly for General Accident to Overall the effects of the rights issue could mean a period of relative weakness for the sheres in spite of favour-

able underwriting trends and the industry's stronger capital position. Wood Mackenzie see this as

an attractive buying opportunity specially for Royal Insurance with its United Kingdom orientation and the unduly depres-

Bryan Appleyard

KOOPERATIVA Hambros Bank, together with a group of major international banks have arranged a six-year floating rate multi-currency facility of US\$75m for K.F., the Swedish Co-operative Union and Wholesale Society, Stockholm.

Less political risk in Canadian gold stocks

general election out of the way and producing a predictable result, investor sentiment now waits upon the next moves by Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister.

A large dose of liberalism now that the ultra right wing Herstigte Nasionale Party has been eclipsed should provide a large fillip for South African

On the other hand, there are fears that Mr Vorster, having gained what he sought, will

Mining

tighten the screws still further. Certainly the result of the inquest of Mr Steve Bike and the round up of some members of his family have reaffirmed some views that the election result will lead to a harsher and more isolationist regime.

Concern about South African gold investments is voiced by London brokers Grieveson, London brokers Grieveson, Grant which is cautious about such investments, despite the firm's continued optimism for gold and uranium prices, in the current political climate. The firm can however see selective purchases if there is a further substantial fall in prices.

For those optimistic over the future trend in the gold price, the firm recommends three Canadian gold producers and one Australian share— Central Norseman Gold.

Central Norseman, somewhat surprisingly, is on a lower rat-ing than the South African producers, selling on at just 2.7 times prospective earnings and yielding a prospective 23.4 per cent on the basis of a gold price of \$155 an ounce in the year to the end of next June.

It is suggested that earnings per share will rise from A\$1.87 to A\$2.25 and that the dividend will be nearly trebled from

By comparison with the past month or so, last week's trad-ing on the tanker market brought a slowing of pace. This

trend which was apparent throughout the market was particularly neticeable in the Gulf where the volume of fix-

ing and the amount of new inquiry both decreased.

In line with this, vice rates from the Gulf eased back

Freight report

slightly to an average of world-scale 28. Both Socal and Texaco booked tonnage at this level around midweek. Socal obtained the 245,000-tonner Captain

John G. P. Livanos for a Gulf to United Kingdom/continent voyage while Texaco arranged the smaller Nepco Bahamas for

Among other vices fixed dur-ing the week were the 250,000-ton Grand Brilliance chartered

basis.

Of the other market sectors, the Caribbean and West African

loading areas saw relatively busy periods.

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a similar voyage.

is facing

basically two reasons for anticipating such a large dividend

The chairman, Mr L. C. Brodie Hall, told the company's annual meeting that it intended to pay out two-thirds of earnings in dividends. In addition the company is 51 per cent owned by Western Mining, which, given the state of the nickel market, needs as much

income as it can get.

In contrast to Central Norseman and the South African stocks, Canadian gold shares are expensive, which is partly the price of fewer political risks (this week's general electrons of the price of the second contract of the second tion in Australia has been acting as a restraint on overseas investment). Pamour Porcupine, for example, is selling at about 94 times prospective earn-ings while Agnico Eagle is on a prospective p/e ratio of 50.

Dickenson and Giant Yellow-

knife have been selected by Grieveson because they are high cost producers and thus highly geared to a rise in the gold

Dickenson, which is currently spending CS3m on deepening its shaft to develop an ore zone being mined by the adjacent Campbell Red Lake, has a life of five to six years. Earnings a share this year are expected to rise from three cents to 25 cents with the dividend doubling to 10 cents (and doubling again next year), which puts the shares on a prospective yield of 2.1 per cent and selling

at 19 times earnings.

Giant Yellowknife is rated as the most attractive of the Canadian gold shares and this year is expected to earn 60 cents a share compared with a loss of d cents last year and is esti-mated to make 90 cents next year. This year's prospective p/e ratio of about 14.9 is cut to 9.9 next year while the pros-pective yield rises from 1.7 per

cent to 5.6 per cent.
Camflo, a lower cost and longer life mine, is also diversifying into coal, oil, gas and uranium exploration.

Engineering outlook no better at

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Triplex The future of Triplex Foundries is as hard to predict as Mr Ronald Harrison. But he assures shareholders in the interim report that he is sure the company will remain in a

very strong position. In the six months to September 30 last, the group made a pre-tax profit of fin against a previous £916,000 on turnover up from £12.6m to £15.3m.

The which turns in the largest percontage of profit, showed the biggest improvement increase ing its contribution from £576,000 to £797,000 despite difficult trading and irregular demand.

The aluminium pressure diecasting section, which acquired a new 1,200 ton machine, is now embarking on a further programme in order to be able to meet any upsurge in demand. Margins must be improved to take account of the high cost of raw materials and equipment in the alumin-

The outlook has not improved for the engineering division, which saw a dip in profits at the halfway stage. The Government boost to the construction industry has not yet filtered through to the order book of offshoot Hale & Hale Engineers and although the chairman has no worries about the long-term future, he can see no signs of an upturn in the more immediate prospects. Delayed projects, particularly in the public sector, have hit the pro-fits of E. D. Hinchliffe, be reports.

Good demand has increased the contribution from Phinus Plastic Products and growth potential is good, according to into coal, oil, gas and m exploration.

Desmond Quigley

potential is good, according to the chairman, with capacity being expanded by the acquisition of a vacuum forming machine.

Tanker trade Bishop's Stores tops £1m despite modest sales upturn slower pace

A 26 per cent jump in pre-tax profits takes food whole-saler and retailer Bishop's Stores over the flm level for the first time at the interim

In the 28 weeks to September 10 the group turned in £1.01m against a previous £791,000 on sales up from £50.7m to £57.8m.

However, chairman Mr John Bradfield reveals that the group has not escaped the Tesco-inspired High Street price cuts. The effect on our full year results is difficult to forecast owing to seasonal facmargin pressures in all sections, And the chairman is banking

on Government measures stimulating consumer spending in the second half. For shareholders there is a maximum permitted interim dividend of

18p gross.
Fellow foods group Linfood
Holdings now has an 11 per
cent stake in Bishop following its takeover of Gateway Securi-ties earlier this year.

ing the week were the 250,000-ton Grand Brilliance chartered by Sohio for a West Africa to Caribbean trip at W29.75, and the Energy Concentration. This latter tanker was chartered by Union Oil for a Gulf to Caribbean voyage with 195,000 tons part-cargo. The rate for this trip was W33.5 at full steaming, and W32.5 on a slow steaming basis. Outlook much better at Barratt Dev

Prospects are now brighter at the Barratt Developments building group, which saw its pre-tax profits drop from £9.71m to £7.4m in the year to June 30. At yesterday's annual meeting in Manchester, Mr L. A. Barratt, chairman, declared that from the early summer onwards there have been marked signs of improvebeen marked signs of improve-

announced earlier this month, will be of "considerable assistance" in achieving the continued expansion of the group. Following the issue and the increase in Barratts' capital base, it faces the future with even greater confidence. Barratts shares rose a penny yesterday to 101p, compared with the rights price of 83p.

Hestair sets up new agricultural offshoot

A new operating and holding company has been set up by Hestair for its agricultural engineering interests. The move follows the purchase in August-of Root Harvesters, Wheatley Trailers and P. B. Bettinson. The new company will be known as Hestair Farm Equipment and, together with Hestair Stanhay and subsidiary E. A. largest British-owned agricul-tural engineering companies.

Credit Data hoping to get quote back

Credit Data, the largest United Kingdom credit services organisation which has returned to profit after losses of almost £2m in three years, hopes to restore its Stock Exchange restore its Stock Exchange quotation in the near future, according to Mr Paul Brooks, chairman. With the return reprofit for the year to June 30 with a pre-tax total of £36,098, he told shareholders at the annual meeting that the company was now on a sound basis for the future.

Ch Fulton to set up group in Belgium The general partners of Dewasy, Sebille, Servais, Van Campehout et Cie, a Belgian stockbrokerage irm, and Charles Fulton and Co, Londonbased international money

based international money brokers, have agreed to form a joint money broking company

Briefly

in Brussels. The new company will integrate the existing busi-ness of Charles Fulton and Co SA, Belgium. JOHN LEWIS

Sales at nearly 17m in week to November 26 were 12.8 per cent up on similar week last year.

Birminghau-based group an-nounced contracts totalling more than £12m. R. M. Douglas Con-struction accounts for £10m of total with industrial projects responsible for half of tins.

BELL & HOWELL
Listing of Bell & Howell cancaled at company's request. VECTIS STONE

Company has bought whole of Ceitic Oil Supplies. Issued capital 50,000 ordinary shares of £1. Con-sideration £124,000 available from liquid funds. BRADY INDS

Chairman says action is being taken to rationalize group's activities, and management team is being strengthened. However it may be some time before a "material improvement" in profits can be achieved.

KWIR SAVE DISCOUNT.
Rights issue was accepted in respect of 97p.

Business appointments Mr K R Evans joins the Fodens board

Mr K. R. Evans has been made a director of Fodens. Mr F. R. Williams has become chairman of Dreamland Electrical

Appliances.

Mr Bryan Treasure has been made chief executive of International Timber Corporation's forest products division, Mr Peter Colson Succeeds him as chief executive of Gliksren Hardwoods. Mr R. Vatcher and Mr A. Twitchett become joint managing directors of the Merchant Trading Company.

Mr Ivan Porter has been appointed by Perkins Engines as compiroller of United Kingdom financial operations. Mr Richard Robson is to be director management systems. Mr John Devaney becomes director, quality control.

Mr Morde Kinnew and Mr Alan Mr Martin Kinney and Mr Alan Towers join the board of UDT International.

Mr Douglas Treacher has been made a director of S. W. Clarke

(Contractors).

Mr Samuel Whithread and Mr Samuel Whithread investment.

Mr Jim Julian has become manacing director of Derek Crouch (Sales). Mr Charles Sanders con-(Sales). Mr Charles Sanders cur-tinues as executive chairman of both the United Kingdom and Belgian sales companies. Mr Desmond Stutchbury has become a director of Metal Box

Diversified Products.

Mr Julian Wellesley will become chairman of Charles Backer ABB International from January 1. Els succeeds Mr Kyrie Simond, who is

Succeeds Mr Ayrie Similar, was relicing.

Mr G. H. Clarke and Dr A. I. Hayrer, full-time executives, have been elected directors of flader Carrier. Mr L. A. W. Jenkini and Mr A. H. Young will be resigning from the board of December 31. On January 1, Mr P. E. Trench will be joining the board as a non-executive director. Dr Yair Kanbabay has been co-

BLACK DIAMONDS PENSIONS LIMITED (A company wholly owned by the National Coal Board Pension Funds)

Offer for the Ordinary Shares of THE BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Black Diamonds Pensions Limited will not declare the Offer unconditional until after 3 p.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1977 so that accepting Ordinary Shareholders will, in the event of the Offer being declared unconditional, retain the advantage of the alternative Offer terms during the whole of the Offer period.

In the event of the Offer becoming unconditional accepting Ordinary Shareholders will be entitled to receive for each of their Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited:

a guaranteed minimum cash price of 165p

or,

if the formula value is higher on 12th December,

1977 and the Offer is declared unconditional, a higher cash amount.

165p is the highest price paid by Black Diamonds Pensions Limited for Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited.

■ The market value of the Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited on 23rd November, 1977* was 145p xd.

■ Wood, Mackenzie & Co., stockbrokers, have estimated the values of the Offer at the close of the first dealing day of each of the six months preceding the announcement of the Offer. These produce an average premium over the middle-market values of the Ordinary Shares of The British Investment Trust Limited on those dates of more than 25 per cent.

The Board of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited and its financial advisers, S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., remain firmly of the opinion that the Offer is generous and attractive, particularly so following the inclusion of the guaranteed minimum cash price of 165p per Ordinary Share.

The Offer will close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1977 and cannot be extended. Ordinary Shareholders who wish to accept the Offer should therefore note that the final time for acceptance is 3 p.m. on Monday, 12th December, 1977 and are accordingly strongly urged to accept without delay.

*The day before the announcement of the guaranteed minimum cash price in the Press.

This statement has been issued by S. G. Werburg & Co. Ltd. on behalf of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited. The Board of Black Diamonds Pensions Limited has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed herein are fair and accurate and all the Directors jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

No comment on Toyota dividend Toyora Motor Co declined

Hidgs.—Castlefield Rubber Ests, Keystone Inv, Killinghall Dev, Syn-dicate, Liner Concrete Machinery,

and Richards. PRIDAY: Interims.—E. Austin &

Sons London, Arlington Motors, Cattles (Hldgs), Hallam Grp of Notts, Harold Ingram, Lennons Grp, Normand Electrical, Stonebill Hldgs, Tridant Grp, Printers, J. Waddington, and Jonas Woodhead

& Sons.
Finals.—Grootviei Prop, and
Marievale Consolidated.

Alison Mitchell

Shalmhun report that it will abandon a plan to increase its

abandon a plan to increase its ordinary dividend for the business year ending next June 30 because the year's appreciation has affected business.

The report said the company's profit before-tax and special items for the year are expected to fall to 190,000m yen (£413m) from 210,120m yen in the preceding year due yen in the preceding year due to the yea's appreciation.
Toyota said it has not revealed
its dividend policy for the year.

Sony Corporation Sony Corporation said is

expects to report soon a 10 per cent gain in its consolidated net income and revenue for the year to October 30 over the previous year's 30,700m yen (£66.5m) and 463,530m yen

International

respectively. The president, Kazuo Iwama, said that defanite figures will be announced later this month, but added that revenue is expected to have ropped the 500,000m yen mark for the first time.

Joint bid for Bradmill Cleckheaton and Alameda Investments Pty of Australia, said they plan to bid for 40 per cent of the 80 per cent of Brudmill Industries' issued capital which they do not already control. The two companies said they will offer 70 tents a share companed with a cents a share, compared with a stock market price of around 64

State groups benefit

The Italian Government has aised the capital of four state raised the capital of four state holding companies, according to an official communiqué. Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, a mixed group including mechanical, gransport and communications concerns, received 335,000m lire (£206m). Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi, the energy and engineering group, got 123,000m lire. Ente Cinema

and Ente Terme, which have holdings in the film industry and curative baths, respectively, got a total of 20,000m kire. Emery revenue rise

Emery Air Freight has reported a rise in revenue of 21 per cent to \$89.4m (about £50m) for the third quarter of 1977, compared to the third quarter of 1976. Earnings per share are also up for the same quarter, totalling 63 cents. This increases the company's income for the first nine months of the year to a record \$252.9m, which s more than \$38m up on the me period last year.

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Spooner Ind improves margins at vear end

By Alison Mitchell The benefits of rationalization machinery manufacturer Spooner Industries are beginning to show through to results. In the year to September 30 the group boisted pre-tax profits from £489,000 to \$25,000 on turnover up only

7 per cent to £10.1m. This wideas pre-tax margins by about 3 per cent to 8.2 per cent. The improved results also reflect the review of operations at Garnett Bywater. One of the largest subsidiaries Spooner Food Machinery Engineering again increased its contribution

However, the devaluation of the Spanish peseta in July sucked £25,000 from after-tax profits. This compares with an exchange gain of £62,000 in the previous 12 months.

There was a further improvement in the balance sheet and net tangible assets per share increased to 69p in the period. The directors point out that the market value of the group's freehold property is, in their opinion, substantially above the

A further increase in ocofies is expected in the current year judging by the level of the order book and inquiries for the group's machines, say the directors. And they underline this confidence by promising shareholders a substantially greater dividend when legislation permits. In the year under reriew Spooner has paid a maximum permitted 4p to bolders.

North Sea oil shares to help Aberdeen Trust

A buoyant British stock market helped Aberdeen Trust to record net revenue of £1.1m in the year to September 30 last. And had it not been for a poor performance in North America, where the investment company invests about a quarter of its portfolio, the income would have been even greater chairman Mr James L'cuikshank tells shareholders

in the annual report.
The net asset value per are par and allowing for the proposed final dividend, has sen from a previous 145p to 183p.
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investment has traditionally been in banks, insurance companies and investment trusts and these have performed exceptionally well in recent months, the chalippan reports.

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All the divisions of the Group attained an increase in turnover, against a background of patchy trading conditions in some areas.

In the United Kingdom the paper-machine clothing

division experienced a narrowing of its margins, particularly in export business, but significant progress has been made in the industrial textiles division which contributes an increasing proportion of Group sales.

The North American companies have done well, and despite the turnround in the relationships of the currencies involved, have returned an increased profit in sterling terms.

Trading in world-wide markets continued to be an essential part of Group activities and U.K. exports were It has been customary for the Group's performance in the second half of the year to exceed that of the first half and the Directors at present see no reason

why this pattern of trading should not recur this year.
In line with the forecast at the time of the Rights
Issue announced June 1977 the Directors intend to
recommend a Final Dividend of 3.0p per share payable

Scana Group Limited, Cartmell Road, Blackburn, Lancs, 882 2SZ

India takes cautious line on call to stop tea flow to London market

Government extreme caution about a sug- plug the gap. gestion that it should ban sales of Indian tea at the weekly London auctions.

The call came from the Public Accounts Committee in New Delhi on the ground that India was losing valuable foreign exchange through participening in the London market. The committee contended that the London auction, one of the world's major markets, represented the interest of the multinational tea companies and suggested that Indian crops should be sold only in

If supplies were sold direct to the blenders, said the com-minee, foreign exchange would be saved by by-passing dealers at the London auctions.

The Indian Government's response has been to set up an experts' committee to study the question of how Indian tea could fetch better prices at auction.

Rowever, the London teatrade has remained unmoved by these rumblings from New Delhi, pointing out that over the years similar complaints bave been made from time to but no action has ever resulted.

Although the new Indian Government is committed to guaranteeing cheap supplies to the home market, it is not un-aware that a withdrawal from the London tea market would scarcely pay off.

Against money which would be saved on commission fees must be weighed the fact that exports to the United Kingdom in 1976-77 are estimated at 58,845 tonnes and withdrawal from the London market sharply reduce that

While it is true that if Indian tea was withdrawn from the London market blenders could buy supplies from India, costs would be higher which would result in an overall reduction in United Kingdom-exports and competitors, such

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Not surprisingly, the Indian as Kenya, would be only too Brazilian coffee at competitive exercising happy to step up production to

This would happen at a time when Indian production is growing and likely to be at a decision to limit 1977-78 exports to 225m kilos, the Government has refused either

These strictures were imposed because massive exports earlier this year led to an internal shortage and domestic. retail prices escalated ..

The Commerce Ministry takes the view that the present low level of prices—which producers claim do not cover production costs—is seasonal and the Government is not anxious to see a repetition of the domestic price rise.

Brazil faces up to price issue

Expectations that Brazil would adjust the official external price of its coffee to come into line with market levels have become a certainty with a statement to Reuters by Senor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC), that the IBC is "almost ready" to adjust the minimum price from the current level of \$3.20 per lb.

What will probably happen is that the IBC will open January and February shipment registrations ar about one dollar below the present min-

Bur Senor Calazans was at would not mean cheaper coffee for overseas roasters compared with prices over the last two months. On the contrary, Brazil was hoping to raise prices. Overseas roasters could

count on regular supplies of

prices in the coming months, but Brazil would cominue to defend a high price policy, Demand for Brazilian coffee recently had been stronger than be expected, Senor Calarecord level in 1977-78. But them he expected, Señor Caladespite shis outlook and zans said. According to preliminational it is under pressure inary figures, 325,000 tonnes in November and from the growers to relax its were shipped in November and decision to limit 1977-78 a further 77d,400 bags had a further 77d,400 bags had been registered but had still to

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to relax the limitation or scrap did not have values available, the export duty of Rs5 a kilo He was asked the key quesat present applying. coffee while maintaining the \$3.20 a lb minimum price? Señor Calazans said that this was done through a "sales reg-ulation" which involved pay-ing an "indemnity" to importers in the form of coffee

porters in the form of coffee credit notes. This should not be confused with the former special deals? made between the IBC and individual roasters on differing terms.

He said the indemnity had been available to all buyers on the same terms, except that its size was cut slightly for later buyers. Although he would not give the size of the indemnity. give the size of the indemnity, he said that sales were made at prices well above the then International Coffee Organization's average of other milds and robustas ICA 1968 indi-

tem of selling had been very successful as it allowed Brazil to sell coffee without depress ing prices.
Sales for January shipment

would no longer carry the 30 per cent price guarantee. Whether there would be any indemnity depended on the level at which the IBC fixed the new minimum registration

He confirmed that exporter pains to stress that an adjust-could apply \$30 worth of cof-men, in the minimum price fee credit notes per 60-kilo bag generated by sales to the 10me market against the contribution quota on exports, instead of \$20 as before.

> Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

Congestion of issues results in feeble investment demand Three Eurosterling bond

issues were scheduled for offering last week and a fourth one was already under offer with the result that congestion quickly routed what turned out to be feeble investment demand, writes 'AP-Dow Jones.

Sceptics have argued that reduced margins turned a pre-vious 1315,000 profit into a loss of 1151,000 in the year to April 30 last. However, the chairman investment banks would have a hard time developing a market for external sterling bonds when the domestic bond has been virtually closed to United Kingdom corporations for the past several years because of In the year under review the group's income from Customagic Europe rose from £90,000 to £131,000 and this should increase further during 1977-78. Since the end of the financial the British Government's proclivity of hogging most of the available long-term investment funds at no matter what the interest cost.

An offering last week of 120m, 10-year bonds of Finance for Industry, bearing 9.75 per cent tended to confirm the worst fears about the developyear the group—which makes loose stretch covers for furni-ture and car seats and wholesales household goods—has entered into agreement with Comfy Home Furnishings. The company is a division of Silknit, worst rears about the develop-ment of the market. Priced at 99.5 to yield 9.83 per cent at maturity, the FFI issue started trading at 98.5 and fell pro-gressively during the day to 97. At that level, the yield was raised to 10.24 per cent. Customagic's other inter-national business has been dis-

appointing and only marginally profitable, the chairman re-Ironically, the main function of FFI, which is owned by the Bank of England and London's clearing banks, is to provide medium and long-term funds to United Kingdom corporations. which no longer have a viable domestic bond market in which to obtain funds.

Indeed, Bank of England statistics show that United statistics show that United Kingdom corporations between 1973 and 1976 inclusive, and United Kingdom corporations as a group were unable or unwilling to raise any funds through straight domestic bond in the content of the content o

Instead, there was net repayment of outstanding domestic bond issues of £23.6m in the period and, in the first 10 months of this year, net repayments totalled about £89m. Part of the explanation for the repayments is that the British Treasury has effectively crowded out corporations from the bond market by paying interest rates that corporations

Euromarkets

could not compete with. In recent years, long-term United Kingdom Treasury bond yields have ranged higher than 15 per

The idea behind Eurosterling issues is that the absence of withholding tax on interest payfloated at a lower interest cost to the borrower than a domesto the borrower than a domes-tic issue. Furthermore, it has been widely supposed that European investors would be eager to purchase high coupon bonds in a currency that might appreciate due to the benefits of North Sea oil production.

However, with three Eurosterling issues floated so far this year, evidence is mounting that demand has come from sophisticated banks and institutions, which were hopeful of making a short-term profit, rather than permanent inves-

After the FFI issue per-formed so poorly in the after-market, the two other recent issues also dropped sharply indicating that the bonds were held in loose hards.

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For example, a £20m, 12-year issue of the European Coal and Steel Community, bearing 9.625 per cent fell 0.75 points last Friday to 98-98. This was the first Eurosterling issue to be floated this year and evidently many institutions were willing to be speculative in it for it was reportedly more than 10 times oversubscribed.

A £25m, seven-year issue of Total Oil Marine bearing 9.125 per cent fell a half point to 97.5-98.

With only one exception, several bankers in Loudon and on the continent said that retail demand for Eurosterling issues was slight. A banker represent-ing one of the major Swiss banks said:

"Our head office reports no real retail demand for sterling issues. There is no appearie for the currency. People still think the pound is suspect."

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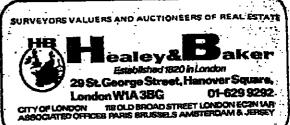
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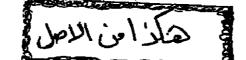
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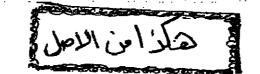
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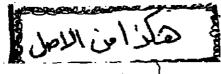
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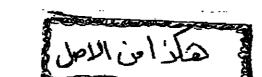
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Recession strikes a sombre note

by Olli Kivinen-

Economic facts of life dictate without mercy that the mood in recession stricken Finland sixtieth anniversary

in today's Europe. It has a builder. The reason behind distinctly Western culture this is partly that the country and democratic way of life, is in the middle of a presilt can be said that even dential election campaign though early years saw many mostly aimed at strengthen-difficulties, democracy has ing the present foreign settled down firmly in Fin-policy. land, and this rebirth of an In addition to this Finland accold democratic tradition lives very much in the afteracter turbulent years has led math of the European a society which can boast Security of real equality and ad-which the country has been vanced democratic institu- deeply involved and which is

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the European Conterence, tions, seen as a major event even Yet Finland also has an though it is not so greatly

sometimes, during the more recession and they hide the trade, was maintained dependent on détente than liberal Tsarist rule, in cooperation.

This experience of living about rapid industrialization, with the Comecon countries. Any step towards the between East and West was a good social security system and especially with the immediately in Finland, and to a great extent denied and a buge rise in the stan.

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on the sixtieth anniversary of independence is very sombre. No large-scale celebrations are planned, and the whole occasion is taken more as an opportunity to look after the Second World War. Since then Finland has an interested able to materialize the present-day dream of strengthening its position in the world by building between east and the building between east and the world by building between east and the world war. In 1950 more than 40 per land to avoid serious difficult the between the country to many doubt that trade with the altitude and largely original foreign boulty doubt that trade with the about that trade with the altitude and trade with the altitude and trade with the altitude that trade with the altitude that the past of the labour force the labour force the and to avoid serious difficult the boulding the early decades of lower find was an eastern countries has paid doubt that trade with the labour force the labour force cent. Finlend has established

modern and varied industries since then, and econo-nic growth averaged nearly 5 per cent a year the present recession. It wa done without Marshall Aid and without major direct in-vestment from abroad. This industrialization led about two years ago to the pre-viously unthinkable situation as Finland overtook many other Western countries, including Britain, in per capita

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Finland's position more difficult.

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Miss Finland says "Footloose and fancy free, but it doesn't mean to say I haven't had my chances." The cartoon is drawn by Kari Suomaleinen, of the Helsingin Sanomat.

in the East and in the West, where in Western Europe. and this makes conciliation

This must not hide the come a powerhouse where East and West can meet.

Minnow in a whale's vision

by Donald Fields

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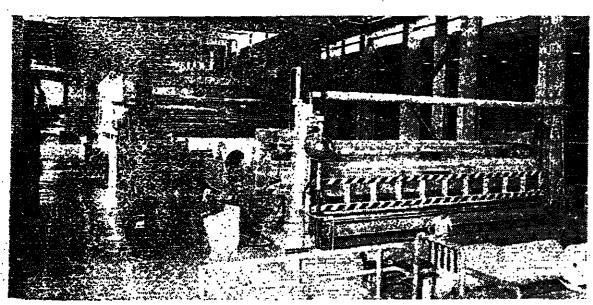
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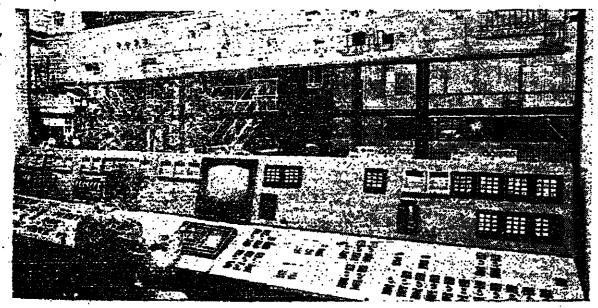
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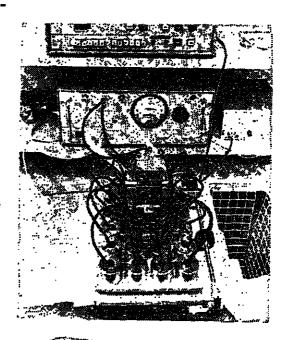


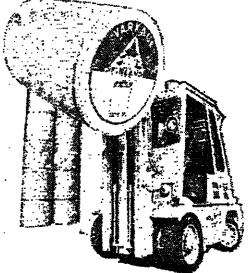
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A strong man in Paavo Nurmi's land

Unlike his predecessor, Dr Urho Kaleva Kekkonen was won the presidency by the narrowest possible majority and he was by far the most controversial of Finland's

Dr Kekkonen, born in 1900 in the north-eastern province of Kainuu, is one of the new breed of Finns whose active life began after independence was you in 1918 and who were not involved in the struggles of the last years under Rus-sia. Thus he can be seen as a personification of new Finland. He went during his riniand. He went during in a predecessor's pragmatic younger years through a period of intense nationalism in the intellectually dominant Academic Karjala years by now and more to Society and supported a come, since he is likely to be strong war effort against the reelected in January, has led

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President Urho Kekkonen, after a period-of intense predecessor's pragmatic policies towards Russia.

strong war effort against the reelected in January, has led Russians in the early years of many Finns to search for Finland's participation in the reasons for this. Is it, as his Second World War. His opponents say, that he has all the ingredients needed to transformation to the real-cut down all opposition or do make him a popular person the Finns really went to hang in Finland. His background began during the war when he was already an influential politician and writer.

He was to become a dominant force of the last years of Passikivi's presidency when he was several times main in power form a permean achievement in Paavo the Passikivi line, even to the a lot of examples of the Finland. Furthermore, the Presidence of the Passikivi line, even to the

in Helsinki's streets any day pieces, Juho Kusti Paasikivi, His most ardent courtiers was theoretically the most are making him into a near unlikely choice. He was the saint whom Finland is to leader of the Conservative saint whom Finland is to thank for everything good, and some statements prais-ing him do not differ much from Eastern personality

ever, confined to a small group. A clear majority of Finns have accepted him as

He was the great divider in Finnish politics with whole parties breaking up or being formed solely because of different opinions of him and even now this debate has not calmed down.

Cunning old capitalist saved the day

chaim that he is selling the When Finland lost its war country down the river and against the Soviet Union the Soviet tanks can be expected man chosen to pick up the of an arch capitalist.

The year 1944 brought an thinking and to policies based on dealing with Finever, confided to a small group. A clear majority of Finns have accepted him as an unusually strong leader—he was first a minister in 1936—and his popularity has grown steadily even among those who opposed him earlier. The local communists, who had been earlier. communists, who had been suppressed for years, found their power under the Allied Control Commission dominated by the Soviet Union. But even so, the Russians wanted to deal with Passikivi, the only Finn they could trust



their power under the Allied Control Commission dominated by the Soviet Union. But even so, the Russians wanted to deal with Passikivi's whole political life can be called an outstanding example of real-stivi the only Finn they could trust.

As it turned out, the cunning old capitalist who was in charge prevented Finland from going the way Czechoslovakia went in 1948. Strangely, even this did not end Passikivi's standing with a saw the advantages of friendship economically, politically ignored his backpoint of the situation in which the Russians totally ignored his backpoint at the Russians were right in believing that Passikivi personned.

The power under the Allied Control Moscow in the peace period Moscow in the peace period Moscow in the peace period between the Winter War and the Continuation War which began in the summer of 1941.

In 1944 Passikivi was called on to serve as prime minister and in 1946 as president. He remained the saw the advantages of friendship economically, politically and culturally, and this realization led to the situation in which the Russians totally ignored his backpoint at Passikivi was strong enough to per-

of monarchy. He could not see any of his politician friends as head of state, "because we have all been drinking together", he said.

In the early 1920s, how-ever, he headed the Finnish delegation that negotiated the peace with the Russians. This peace was derided by extremists as a surrender. His diplomatic skills were

needed once again in the War when he was once again sent to Moscow to negotiate with the Russians, President Juho Paasikivi, megotiate with the Russians, whose demands were turned down—a rebuff that contrigreatest statesman in war and peace, died in 1956. also served as ambassador to

in believing that Passicivi totally ignored his back political dangers, among them a communist takenover suade the Finns to love instead of hate their eastern neighbour. Passikivi knew that the Russians wanted to ensure the safety of their north western border, and he convinced them that friendship was more likely to achieve this than force, because the Finns had shown they still had much if fighting will left if it were needed.

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"Finlend's position is fixed In between lies the broad more firmly than ever spread of the six big parties before. In Europe tradit—from Conservative to revitional foreign policy issues have instructed the people occupations with national to vote for Dr Kekkonen. The one strand uniting the foreign policy. ization, are bound to 89 per cent of the vote.

Some commentators the 1975 general election.

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a westward-oriented country and Komissarov, semi-official
this may be counter- Soviet authors produced a nish independence, histori- friendship treaty's geographi-cally-linked events, would be cal scope and wanted to jointly celebrated at state speed the military consulta-level proved unfounded, the tion mechanism. Mr Väyry-main effort being contined nen's comment is: "What to the Finnish-Soviet Friend- really matters is not books, ship Society." ship Society.

Another pessimistic view munications between the claims that Finland, ever Governments."

modating amitude antici nuclear-free zone in Northern pares whatever Moscow Europe in 1963, President might think on international Kekkonen has been regarded as well as bilateral issues, by some Scandinavians as a This, however, overlooks the maverick with antennae skill with which the Finns, keenly tuned to Moscow, Perstarring with their spell of haps they felt vindicated autonomy under the Tsars, when an Oslo newspaper have mastered the art of "leaked" a conversation be gestures which placate the had with Norwegian leaders. keenly tuned to Moscow, Per-Russians but carry a clear in September 1976. He was refusal to kowtow.

Ploughing their lonely qualms at the introduction furrow, the Finns have of West German troops in followed a consistent line of Nato exercises in Norway.

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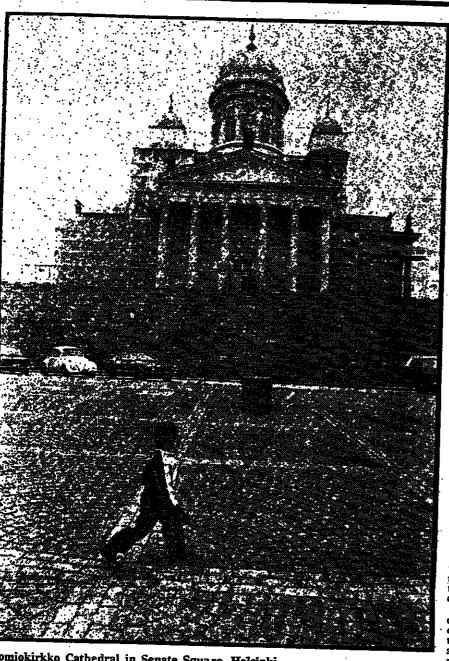
clear of French failures

by.Olii Kivinon

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Banks must learn to

live with



Tuomiokirkko Cathedral in Senate Square, Helsinki.

by Ronald Pullen

Three years of hard labour for the Finnish economy as for the Finnish economy as for the Finnish economy as for the banking services and the banking system is commercial banks have been given added the banking system is the mining the terms on which precious little room for with precious little room for with precious little room for manoeure under a singularly stiff monetary policy larly stiff monetar

the central bank to protect moreover, the Government profitability, which fell has little scope to increase sharply last year as a result further the level of personal

shrinking profits

With the backdrop of a weak economy, the banks have had to forgo any plans for expansion since their lending base has been constricted by tight credit control conditions and the deposit base has been handled at 1 per cent cut in the deposit base has been handled at 1 per cent cut in the deposit base has been handled the September of discount rate and accompanying reductions in other lending and deposit rates. But the Finnish economy has so far stubboruly refused to respond to medicine. The high inflation and unemployment makes it likely that they have had to put high priority on cutting back there excess borrowing form the control banks will have to live with an acute balance of payments crisis, the quotas were further last year they were further cut in Finks 2,300m and this continue to be steadily control to respond to medicine. The high inflation and unemployment makes it likely that the banks will have to live with a tight monetary priority on cutting back there excess borrowing from the central bank to protect.

Moreover, the Government in loosen mercial banks have been under to adjust to the progressive lowering of central banks have been understood in the credit it will allows.

In October, 1975, faced with an acute balance of payments crisis, the quotas were reduced from Finks 2,800m to Finks 2,800m to Finks 2,300m and this continue to be steadily continue to soak up excess liquidity in the system as a case-by-case basis.

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result of the dismantling of the import deposits scheme.

The basic rate for central commercial banks, even if

Coupled with wage and other cost pressures, the other cost pressures, the overall picture for the past national debt to play with, shrinking commercial bank shrinking commercial bank profitability.

Liquidity, too, has been severely strained over the severely strained over the content of the assets of the assets of the extent of Fmks 100m in passed on to customers the the 380 cooperative banks, which account for 27 and 22 banks, KOP and Union Bank, sare also putting rather more deposits. The smallest group deposits. The smallest group of the state-owned banks amount of state bonds compared with the assets of the past of the absence of other mone. This year, however, the with 14 per cent of deposits. The smallest group deposits into expanding and its the year before.

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Similarly other financial institutions have done better on the lending front with insurance companies and depushing up theirs by a fifth gage institutions managed only 11 per cent because of the difficulty they have in most important link is through the London-based Nordic Bank, which has recently been expanding in raising funds abroad or on

he domestic bond market.

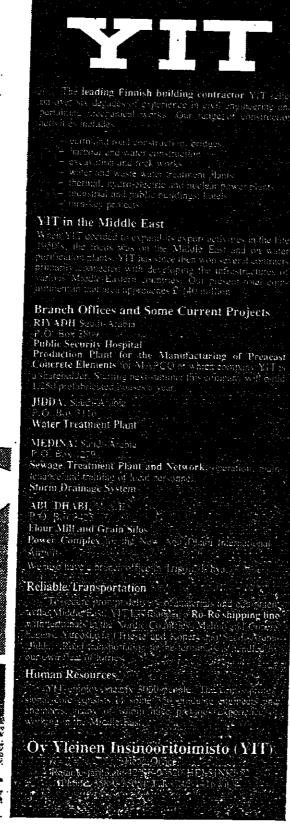
Faced then with stunted Singapore, as well as carving prospects at home Finnish banks have been increasingly out a share of the increasingly important leasing market by setting up a subsidiary in Amsterdam. putting the accent on over-seas development. The Osuuspankkien cooperative bank has a 2.55 per cent stake in London & Continenof the penalty rates of interest charged by the Bank out rendering their already of Finland. At the same time the Finnish banks are trying to meet their obligations to industry with whom they traditionally have a close working relationship.

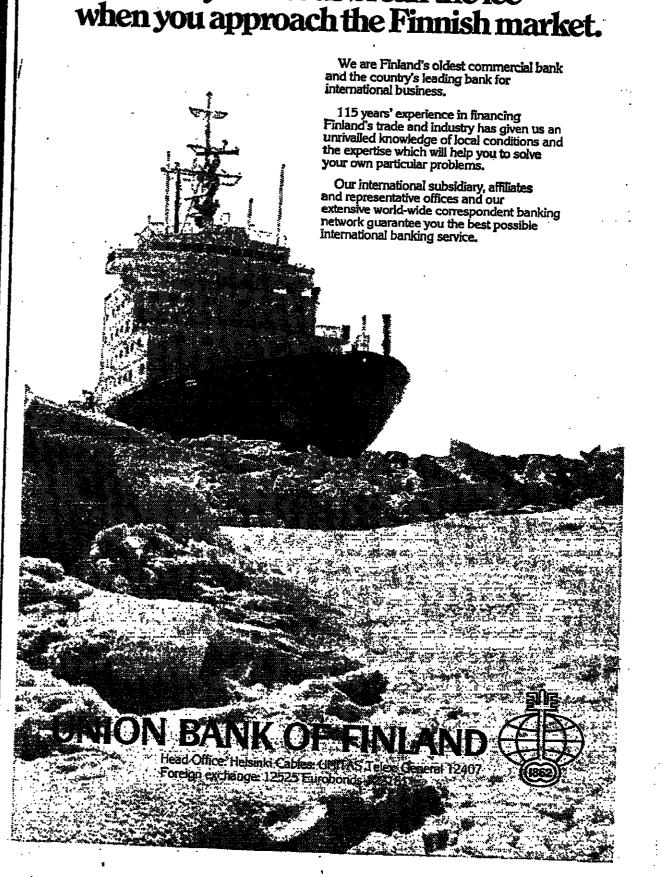
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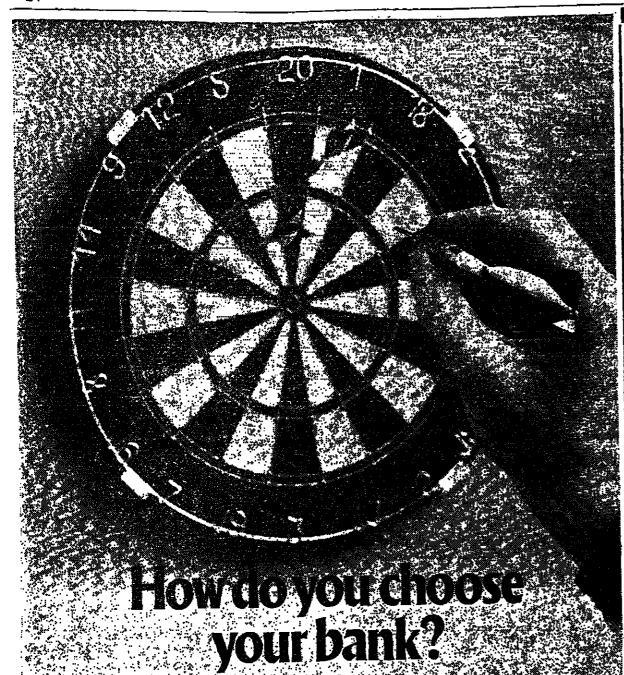
Elsewhere, all the above mentioned commercial banks have a growing involvement group of a dozen European in European, although for cooperatives mainly involved the past 18 months their in managing international share of the market has been loans, and further moves in limited by the fact that this direction are expected.







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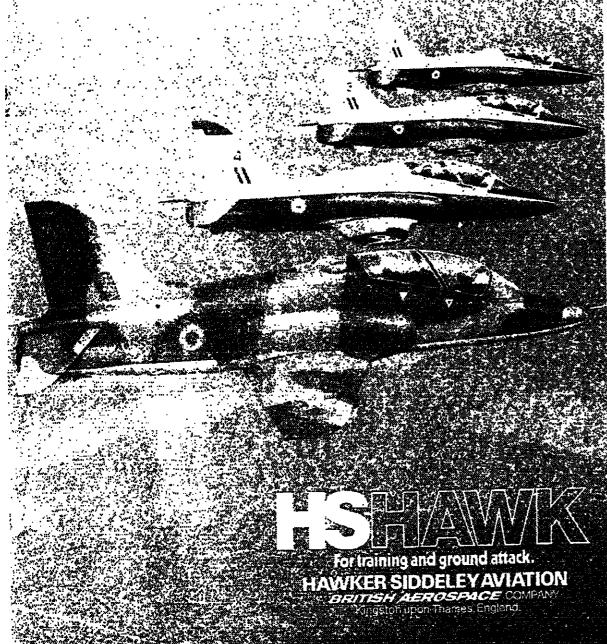
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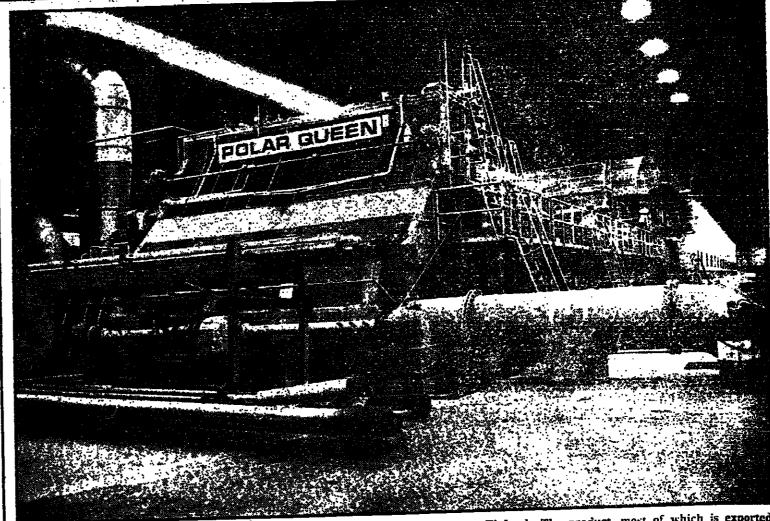
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One of the largest kraftliner machines in Europe, operated by Kemi in northern Finland. The product, most of which is used in cardboard boxes and last year the machine operated at 85 per cent of capacity.

Wood processing experience pays off in world markets

by Edward Townsend

The contract reflects the impact that world economic recession has had on the recession has had on the direct export from Finland of capital equipment. New orders in the past few years carce and to maintain the

It is estimated that within the next few years about one million tonnes of new capacity will be installed in South-east Asia with con-sumption of paper and board in the region expected to rise from 10 million toones to 22 million toones.

With Finland responsible for 15 per cent of annual world paper output and with forest products accounting for almost half of Finland's exports, it is not surprising that the country has developed and equipped it. self with the best machines haulers up to the most advanced paper mills.

But the speed with which the Finos have exploited their supremacy has been exceptional.

In the past 15 years or so, after the modernization of its own forest industry the Finnish machinery makers had spare capacity which could be fully used in the long term only by selling abroad.

The Finns' own experience building large integrated pulp and paper mills, coupled with the building of roads, water supply and environmental control systems. tems, has enabled them to offer complete package deals to prospective customers.

This has led to a great growth in engineering consultancy work, the leading and best known company being Jaakko Poyry. It was established only 19 years ago as a two-man operation and is now a bousehold name in the world's forest pro cessing industry.

Among its customers are governments and United Nations agencies as well as commercial enterprises.

It is estimated that about 7,000 are employed in the Finnish technical consultancy industry (1,000 of them by Povry) of whom more than 70 per cent are with companies whose main concern is exporting.

In recent years about a tenth of the extra capacity planned for the world's pulp and paper industries has been the work of Finnish

engineers. Finland's consulting engineering firms are still min-nows, however, when it comes to competing with international organizations and consequently some have ioned forces to form con-sortiums. One of the biggest is Finaconsult which comprises 14 companies and ha

specialized in projects for developing nations. For example, Pinnconsult reached agreement in Seprember with Ghana State Investment Company to con

duct research on forest resources, find suitable sites kets with continental Europe for a paper mill, determine profitability projections and plan the development.

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The TVW group, which mploys 3,500 and has a

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estimate the possibilities of the TVW paper machine machinery and instrumentation, carpendry and furniture industries in Ghana.

The TVW paper machine machinery and instrumentation of sales is a year paper mill which will to operate globally. We must have the widest machine and

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150 paper with world paper consumption expected to grow its world by 3 or 4 per cent a year paper and about 150 new paper paper and in the long term, TVW is use United reckons to be able to use its member companies' years reequipping and in the long term are companies' years reequipping and in the long term are companies' years reequipping and in the long term are material for a moderate expansion of output up to the end of this century as long as intensive divisions industry has invested large sums in recent raw material for a moderate expansion of output up to the end of this silviculture is continued, better use is made of residues and there is a content of the silviculture is continued, better use is made of residues and there is a content of the silviculture is continued, better use is made of residues and there is a content of the silviculture is continued, better use is made of residues and there is a content of the silviculture is continued, better use is made of residues and there is a content of the companies and electric drives, Wärtsilä silviculture is continued, better use is made of residues and there is a content of the companies and the companies are companies are companies are companies and the companies are content of the compan

to operate globally. We must have the widest machine and able wood resources. The largest magazine print latest forest inventory indicates the largest magazine print latest forest inventory indicates that there should be of kets and trade combinations.

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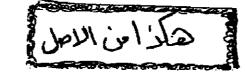
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Finns jet around in their time machine

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The construction industry was Finland's por current reserves. Mr Reunala conclusions share the primary that the primary complete the construction and controls. changing and more and more Finns have been forced to come of oil from this field. out into the world and to develop export markets, particularly

put it: We sell time that's modernization programme, they are in today, our product, but it is also but the final stage has been our biggest cost. Time is postponed until 1980. It is three or four years Finnish modern consultants have been carry. Europe ing-our a growing revolution in exports. From South America to Saudi Arabia, from Afghanistan to Zambia. the quiet Firms are to be found giving advice on building anything from waste: disposal plants to waste disposal plants to military barracks, hotels and pulp mills in the Soviet Union and a ship repairing slower to mature than in the

"We feel it is in our company's interest and in the to go outside."

change from the past when the country had relied on the traditional forest industries—timber, pulp and paper—for the bulk of its exports. But because of the energy crisis and a decline in the economy of Western Europe, demand for the

coming on stream after an intensive capital develop ment programme in the forest industries which led to severe overcapacity in "We have had two months crude, more than 60 per cent both pulp and timber sec- of stoppages in the board from the Soviet Union and Furthermore aniounts to "dumping" there will be more as com-small quantity from Norway, "We are changing now as (according to some Figns) of petition from the United came from the Middle East a nation. It's late, but we North American, particularly States increases" North American, particularly States increases" United States, pulp and Branch B. Grönhagen, managing significant paper products in Europe director of Finnboard (the sumption. board swedish and Finnish tion)

"We sell time, that's our that 1978 will be the worst product, but it is also our year in the history of the

forest industry producers.

- Juha Suoncalahti, managing in 1893.

one of the biggest and most modern timber mills in but production lack of incentive for us.

capacity has been reduced. We just won't go out into from 300,000 cu metres to the world and sell. We 200,000 cu metres because of prefer to walk in the prefer to walk in shortage of demand and also woods and listen to the of raw materials. "Kemi" timber is well-known for the superior coming of spring." grade of heartwood. Trees from the north, which are organization) south because of the climate contain 40 per cent heart-

wood (the best quality wood enough on product develop-in the centre of the tree) ment, they have not looked than those in the south to the future", Mr Raade, which only have 20 per cent, whose comments are often cause of lack of orders. "Raade's tooth", his Puckish Altogether there are about humour bedevils politicians 2,500 employees in the com- and businessmen alike. "I

pany, which also has a large

Kraftliner paper mill. Kraftliner capacity tuods Kemi's new mill is about 250,000 tons a year, but last year total output was about 65.000 tons and this year it will be even worse. Up to the end of October only 33,000 tons had been produced and the total this year in the economy of Western 35,000 tons had been pro-Europe, demand for the duced and the total this year hard way. It is easier for forest products fell.

The situation was exacer-bated by many new mills coming on stream after an which half goes to Britain. straightforward to estimate

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There must be further devaluation. . . . If the company which was begun in 1893. Although gloom

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Lars Londén, president Finncell (pulp industry's s

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learning, I hope not too Finnconsult is a private tractors had been forced to

—Asko Tarkka managing director Huhtandki, diversified manufacturing group

As far as Britain is contract is for one year longer allowed by the British Gov-ernment for the export of North Sea oil. Finnish sources claim that the contract is "evergreen" which pre-sumably means until the field is exhausted.

Workers in the saw mill controverseat, occares. From are now on a nine-day forthe top suite of his mono- Neste is embarking on a night and will soon be going lithic headquarters in Hel- diversification programme into a four-day week besinki, known locally as cluding investment in plant of lack of orders. "Raade's tooth", his Puckish for providing feedstock for a particular of lack of orders. With assured supplies Neste is embarking on a diversification programme in-cluding investment in plant

Diversification, not only in am a problem, I am one of Finland's problems", he asserts mischievously...From services, is where the action is beginning to show. Finland has always had a high degree of specialized technotogy covering many sectors — Jorma Keino, president of from traditional paper-mak-frimpap (paper sales organizating machinery, logging equiption) "We are changing now as ing machinery, logging equipa nation, but it is coming late. We are léarning the bard way. It is easier for ment and tractors, scientific rigs. The biggest change is in the role of "invisible" services, and in the construc tion industry which its energy demands. Last poised for takeoff especially in the Middle East and

We are changing now as bridges and ports in Ghan

significant increase in con-

Government had realized try's oldest consultancy and the United Nations our position in 1974, cor. groups, whose interest was Development Programme, rective measures could originally in pulp and paper, but it is felt that often Finhave been introduced to employs 600 in the restruction in the companies do not get a safeguard the pulp and cializes in energy problems. Ekono, one of the coun-

"The market is changing lic sector which he con-and growing, especially in sidered to be one of the the Third World countries" root causes of Finland's It is a question of sur- Mr Juha Suonenlahi, man-

group with the services of go more and more abroad to about 1,400 technical experts. Its role is purely "market funcing". In the past five years overseas "The situation is bad and turnover has gone from 1978 will be our worst over of the industry was Fmks70m of which Fmks 11:5m came from overseas contracts. In figures were Fmks207m and

Fmks36m respectively.

future. . . Although there is worldwide overcapacity in the pulp industry the situation will correct itself in due course. There is no need to nationalize the forest industries, we can manage well enough on our own

Mr Suonenlahti is a little appreciate the difficulties of working overseas sometime "but they are learning His group is a "mult His group is a "multi discipline organization" and iobs in hand extend from £100m housing scheme for 50,000 in Lagos, Nigeria, to and Tanzania.

study has also been done by group on a remote pas always follows up schemes promoted by such organiza-tions as the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the United Nation

- Juha Suonenlahti, managing director of Fineconsult (a consultance group)

and despondency prevail, the safeguard the pulp and paper industry. The medicine will now be so merely empty, and the pulp mill is on slow down, the situation in one direction is control took like improving for some time. The only glimmer of hope is in the sawagood division where exports to Britain, the main market, should pick up after an expected improvement in the housing position next year.

Typical of the position that some mills find them-selves is Kemi Oy at Kemi of the log cabin type.

Typical of the position that some mills find them-selves is Kemi Oy at Kemi of Pinneson Scottish Associates, a concluded a deal which it is a cultural palace in Bahrain, more and more companies of the pulp and adject the pulp and the pulp and the pulp and the support industry. The medicine will now be so milter to look for markets outside the traditional countries of the to look for markets outside the traditional countries of the to look for markets outside the traditional countries of the result of look for markets outside the traditional countries of the result of look for markets outside the traditional countries of the result of look for markets outside the traditional countries of the result of look for markets outside the traditional countries of the result of look for markets outside the traditional countries of the communists in unions Europe was made only five previews. So far in active in South Korea with a \$120m pulp mill near Pusan, which will be the first to be built in the country. It was won in the face of strong of the bigs on the pulp and the sale of prefabricated policy previews.

This is one example of a

over-investment in the pub- ary task of his association lic sector which he con- was to try to make the state sidered to be one of the aware of the value of con-

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of 36 consultancy groups workers were laid off for late now. We have lost —Terho Salo, of Haka
showed that in 1970 turn- two weeks. In the town markets. We need more is about 10 per cent un- Government which employment.

—Mauri Melamies, of Kemi Oy (timber and pulp mills)

"One of our great advan-tages, which is realized by many of our overseas cus-tomers, is that we have a hagh quality and what is per-haps even more important Mr Remala says, making an oblique reference to Fin-land's success against all odds in paying off massive reparations to the Soviet Union after the last war.

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(population 30,000) there decision making in the woken up too late. . . . I'm not sure that all companies are ready to go pany to be conservative in development. It has succeeded in selling its techno-

-Touno Mäkinen, president of YIT (Finland's biggest con-struction company)

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YIT, which employs about completed the Loviisa project is expected to be nuclear power station in completed by 1982 and durconstructed to a Soviet 5,000 Finnish workers will be design and took five years to on the site. complete. The company has One of the most successful other projects in hand in block Viru Hotel construction groups, and also many parts of the Middle the biggest in the country. East, apart from Saudi East, apart from Saudi ing champions hope to get Arabia, including the United take place. They hope to get other work there shortly. (YII) which was one of the Arab Emirates and Jordan. It first companies to look at has also gained a strong foor-the Middle East, Mr Tauno hold in Africa, where it is

> "We have mostly dealt or 5 per cent. with the Eastern block, but now we will widen our range to include the Opec group. . . . We have rood group. . . We have good and building materials, is know-bow and if we don't hoping to sell more of its

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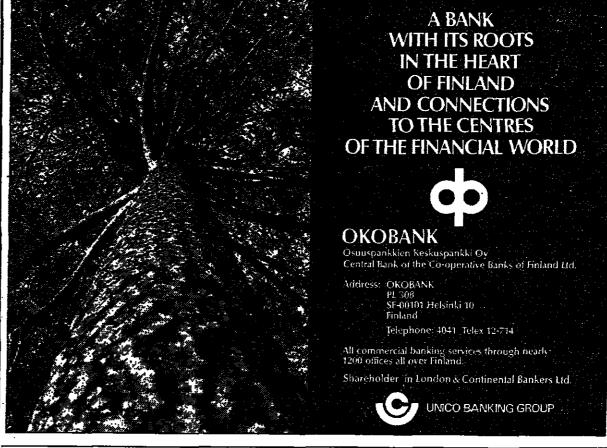
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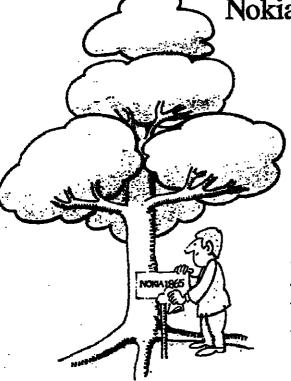
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Also active in the Eastern a maze of 70 km of tunnels



Nokia-like a growing tree

Nokia's roots are firmly embedded in Finland and its products are widely known in Britain and in other markets.



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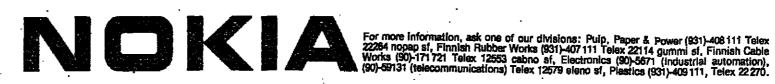
The Finnish Rubber Works makes tyres, boots, leisure footwear and technical rubber products for industry.

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ELECTRONICS

The changing fortunes of four vital industries -pulp and paper, engineering, iron and steel, and shipbuilding-are examined on this and the facing page

Recession now accepted as normal state

wood processing sector made. The rate of output estimated losses of Fmks throughout Finland's pulp

NESTE

annual refining capacity 15 million ions.

in the immediate prospect of insulated from the worst ditions of the early 1970s.

The Finnish pulp and paper industry is now at the on prin, for example, which end o fits third slump year and there are no signs of a rapid change of fortune. The facing added aggravation.

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REFINING: Neste's output of oil products meets three quarters of the demand in Elit

in Finland and for exports. A benzene unit is under construction...

of the vessels are designed for difficult winter conditions.

PETROCHEMICALS: Neste produces ethylene, butadiene and propylene both for processing

 NATURAL GAS: Neste imports natural gas and distributes if through its own pipeline system. SHIPPING: Neste has a tanker fleet of eleven vessels, with one product carrier on order. Most

CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING: The planning and building of Neste's two refinences. ethylene plant, power plant, harbour facilities and raw & waste water system have to a targe extent been carried out by the Company's own Construction and Engineering Department.

by Edward Townsend

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In the last three months

Finland's national oil company

Through these and other integrated functions Neste combines knowledge with practical experience. This knowledge and experience

is at your disposal for consultation.

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ubiquitous inflation and a while total deliveries (in The courty's paper makers right domestic monetary cluding pulp sold to domes will be happy this year if policy have played havoc. It tic milks) increased from they can maintain their print claims is estimated that to produce 10,041,000 tons to 1,064,000 export market shares. Last the print claims in the produce 10,041,000 tons to 1,064,000 export market shares.

Sweden, without taking into account capital costs, now costs about 60 per cent more than at the end of 1974.

Pulp market protected with fervour In Finland it is reckoned

of wood arriving at a pulp upon their European meighrepresents capacity, over-manning and record low of about 55 per working to such fine mar. At a time of badly Northern Europe, as well as sources believe that the zation for the pulp industry. United Kingdom market fierce competition from the cent and the delivery rate is gins, the reductions have strained company finances, the cuts of 13 to 15 per cent "operating cover" for the estimated that chemical marshare (about 23 per cent of this magnitude are in pulp wood in Sweden, as whole forest industry was ket pulp capacity will into total export output).

The international pulp and far from welcome to the reasons for maintaining the less than 10 per cent of crease from 2,100,000 ronnes. estimated that chemical mar-ket pulp capacity will in-crease from 2,100,000 tonnes in 1976 to 2,300,000 tonnes by 1979 with total capacity

As the sales on the domestic unchanged, Fanacell expects the export potential to increase by 220,000 tonnes to about 1,800,000 tonnes.

tons.

year, Finnpap, which handles year, Finnpap, which handles Pulp stocks have fallen by sales of 27 paper mills, only 88,000 tons since last exported 2,500,000 tons autumn to a level of about which was only 13 per cent 388,000 tons at the end of higher than in the disastrous September this year.

September this year.

Of the exported pulp, 67 down as the worst year in per cent will go to Western the history of the Finnish Europe this year with the paper industry). Last year's United Kingdom taking 18 exports were therefore per cent of total exports and 27 per cent of European almost 19 per cent less than 27 per cent of European in 1974 and were equivalent shipments. Eastern block to 1971 shipments when procountries will buy another duction capacity was 900,000 countries will buy mother duction capacity was 900, 20 per cent leaving the Finns tons lower than 10day. almost completely dependent. Yet in spite of cost

Yet in spite of cost and demand difficulties, the Finns have managed to hold

They have also received a boost from the Chinese who this year have begun to buy newsprint and other grades in quantity for the first time since the revolution. And the United States has bought in his last annual report about 30,000 tons of The arrival of an economic mechanical coated paper and upturn in Finland depended between 100,000 and 120,000 largely on the inflationary

perennially sceptical papermakers who are measy about the Nordic producers' has been notably unprofit in competitor countries.

Newsprint, one of the products which in recent years and on the economic development intentions in the able, has weathered the last market pulp sector: "The year and the Nordic productive of Finncell today, cers, while unable to raise tomorrow and after tomorrow is an active long-term marketing of existing and after tomorrow is an active long-term marketing of existing and after tomorrow is an active long-term marketing of existing and after tomorrow is an active long-term marketing of existing and active long-term marketing of existing active to market properties.

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claims that this is impos at a capacity use rate of 75

> Newsprint rosy future

the \$100m investmen Ahlstrom, one of the leading paper companies. Varkaus paper milis includes the installation of a 120,000 ronnes a year news-

nechanical pulp. The mood of the Finns is up in the words of Mr Olavi Mattila, chairman of the giant Enso-Gutzeit forest pro-

upturn in Finland depended

Backlog of orders hides decline

Finland's engineering com- just under 200,000 were un cally most demanding part of its production.

Traditionally, at times of long-term export contracts can times of long-term export contracts poor world demand for pulp that heavy engineering and vestment can thus be export said and paper products, it is the shipbuilding were not pected, at least in 1977", the report said.

There was one note of from basic metals to transport equipment, machines and ships—that has come to dustry with the introduction that investment needs are of stainless steel production.

Neste Porvoo Works

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According to the Federation of the Central Electric parce for many restriction of Finnish Metal and city. Generating Board's tions, naticularly on original indestry cutback in domestic investment, low export with in North Wales which, is immediately on or completion in 1981, will compensate the development on competition be the largest of its type in the development of the control of the con

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Foundries and 76. While the forest in producing construction healthy economic climate stries stayed in the dol materiels have been badly brings disquiet. Tampella's must the metals sector hit as well as some parts of last annual report noted that need in record exports the electrical and mechanisthe price for basic metals. expected for 1977.

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the rescue.

While forest products, which normally account for half of Finhand's exports, slumped to under 44 percent of the total the value of the metal sector rose to Fmks8,369m. This was 27.8 per cent higher than the previous year and represented 34 per cent of total exports.

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There is still no sign of a main claim of fortunes of the pulp and paper makers and the clampdown on industrial investment in Finkand's main the confirmation of Finland's biggest forest chart is now posing problems for the metals sector.

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Tampella's Tamrock division

The abolition of tariffs an most metal and engineering business business drilling equipment, is a most metal and engineering prime example of how Finnsh metal and engineering ability has summer and the Finnsh that the Finnish metal and engineering ability has developed and been sold engineering industries have years.

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their the Finnish metal and widely abroad in recent part of their cost burden, years, been living off a backlog of orders and the amount of new business has fallen shapply.

Total industrial output in Finland last year was up a few per cent from the mough of 1975 but production in the metal and engineering sector declined while it bad shown an increase of 4 per cent the years ago and last year for the international ties on the international ties on the international ties on the international screek are Finnish industry's furnitations at home. Mr. Lars Mikander, president of Lars Mikander, president of Enternations at home. Mr. Lars Mi



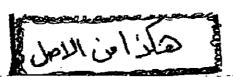
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Bold plans bring reward of higher production

by Peter Hill

creased production by 33.2 per cent compared with the corresponding period of last year. Output increased from 1,164,000 tonnes in the first nine months of 1976 to 1,550,000 tounes in the cor-responding period of this International Iron and Steel International aron and steer Institute. In September production rose by almost 45 per cent compared with levels achieved in September 1976, with crude steel pro-

Last year the industry's total crude steel production amounted to 1,600,000 tonnes with the basic oxygen steel-Last year the industry's total crude steel production amounted to 1,600,000 tonnes with the basic oxygen steelmaking process accounting for more than three quarters of production, and the balance made up by production from electric arc furnaces and open hearth plants. The rise in crude steel production reflects the ambitious expansion prosteel production retlects the simbilities expansion pro- export proportion, particular and the set in hand by larly since most steel and which when finally completed will make the company's Raahe works the years abead.

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countries, the Finnish indus-

At a time when the world's steel interest perments on slab form is being hot rolled on the semi-continuous wide of the company's existing in the continuous proportions, with companies recording auge losses and demand for steel sinking to new levels, it is surprising to find that Finland's rom and steel industry (small, intough it is) is returned in their timal states and representation.

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Russia provided the 2,300,000 tonnes sintering plant along with two blast plant along with two blast furnaces and continuous casting machines while Davy provided the rolling mill which has a capacity of 500,000 tonnes of hot-rolled plate and 1,100,000 tonnes of cold-rolled coils. The British company is also providing the equipment for the expansion of the company. extension of the company's strip will works at Hämeen-lipna. Rautaruukki has also huilt a new pipe plant at Onlainen near Raube.

been more buoyant than in Meanwhile, Outokumpu's many other steel producing new stainless steel developtry is not without its prob- commissioned in May after ems. Last year the Finnish being in operation for more Government was obliged to than a year with production

to Outokumpu until 1980 about 20,000 tonnes a year Investment in the new bars and special steels. Last because the company's pro- the following month. The facility at Tornio, which will year the company turned in duction was insufficient to continuously cast steel in employ about 850, is esti- a loss of Fmks 3.5m after a meet interest payments on slab form is being hot rolled mated at Fmks 700m and is small profit the previous



An icebreaker built by Wärtsilä-such specialist ships have been an important

Joining other builders out in the cold

These investments have in

a new yard by Wartsilä near Turku, another new facility by the Vakmet group on the outskirts of Helsinki, and the

Navire at Naantali.

Mr Tapio Porsgren, director of the Association of Finnish Shipbuiders, noted that in the past decade the aim has been to build the type of ship that is likely to be in demand, regardless of cyclical fluctuations, and to achieve a permanent market. Vessels which have been built cover a wide range from chemical tankers and liquefied petroleum gas carriers to research vessels.

fiquefied petroleum gas carriers to research vessels, tankers, timber carriers and rollon, roll-off ferries. An average of 40 to 50 vessels with a total tonnage of about 200,000 gross has been built each year. But the move by Rauma-Repola into the construction of oil drilling rigs in the early part of the decade has boosted annual output, and this year comple-

output, and this year completions are likely to total about 500,000 tons gross.

Exports to the Soviet

Union figure largely, and the present trade agreement between the two countries contains a quota for exports

to a value of Fmks 6,000m for ships of various types

extending from heavy lift vessels and barges to cable

general trend in trade with

Even more worrying than

ships vessels.

Ironically, year Valmet

Navire at Naantali.

A few months ago it seemed of specialized vessels for are now. ably aware of the massive and in the past few years number of countries. Othe problems that face the inthe industry has invested at dustry as are their competitions elsewhere.

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Even the Soviet Union, Finnish standards is a fair which for many years has large amount.

provided Finland with a These investments have steady baseload of work, has cluded the construction been unable to rescue the yards from the grim prospect of a dwindling order book of a dwindling orner book and consequent redundancies which are inevitable unless new hull construction facility completed 18 months ago by Nagutali.

Like that of almost every other shipbuilding nation, the Finnish order book has been reduced. Between the first and second quarters of this year orders were cut by more than 30,000 tons gross and at mid-year the industry held orders for 944,694 tons

Industrial and government committees have been established to consider the best means of recovery, but even with support measures the going will be hard. Finland almost alone has followed a consistent rolling of almost alone. amost alone has followed a consistent policy of almost no government support for shipbuilding, and at a time when competing nations have produced a variety of aid and subsidy schemes in order to astrony and and are produced as a subsidy schemes in order to astrony and and are all and are all as a subsidy schemes in order to astrony and are all as a subside schemes in order to astrony and are all as a subside schemes in order to astrony and are all as a subside schemes in order to a state of the subside schemes in order to a state of the subside schemes and a subside scheme and a subside scheme and a subside scheme are a subside scheme. order to attract new work, its own industry is clearly placed at considerable disadvantage without a comprehensive framework of state assistance.

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The outlook is bleak. The Association of Finnish Shipbuilders has given a warning that the present order book, which embraces most of the principal yards, will be largely worked out next year. There is now a serious danger of unemployment in the yards unless attempts to the yards unless attempts to international market prove

Already this year workers have been laid off, while a 30m, a large new floating certain amount of job restructuring has also taken place. But unless new orders are secured, in the face of severe international compact. severe international competition. 2,000 other workers the failure so far of the cam-could be faced with redun-dancy early next year. mers is the lack of orders

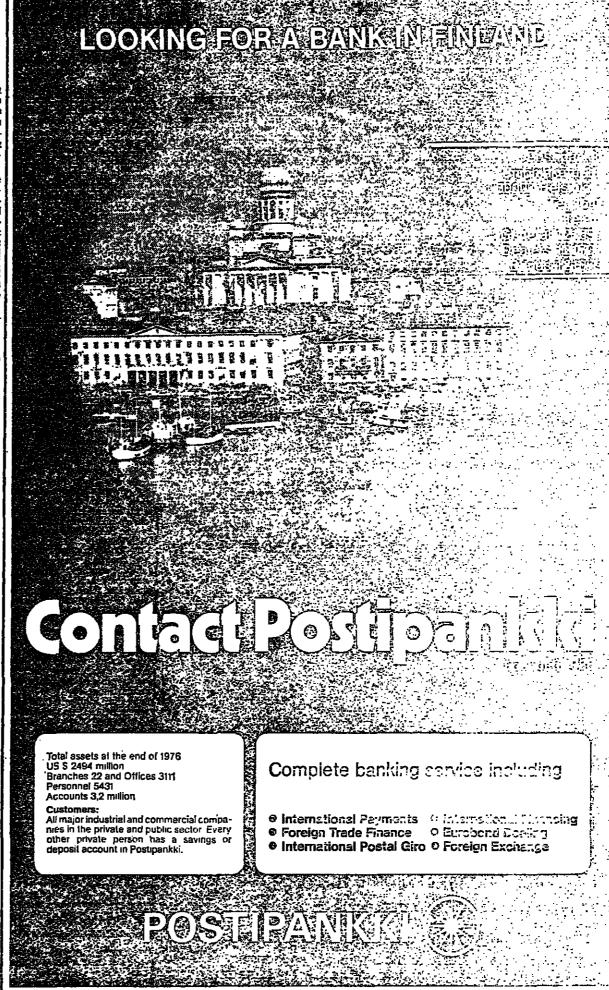
Shipbuilding employs about 18,000 workers in five big companies — Wärtsilä, Rauma-Repola, Valmer, Hollcoming forward from Fin-nish shipping companies: the last was for the revo-lutionary Baltic ferry, the Finniet, which entered serming and Navire. Of these Finnjet, which entered ser-Rauma, Wartsilä and Valmet vice between Helsinki and each has a number of separate yards. They have many in spring this year. achieved an enviable reputation for the construction lower prices from foreign of highly specialized vessels, yards have tempted Finnish owners to build outside their. each has a number of separincluding up-to-date ice owners to build outside their breakers and cruise liners. own country and the shipping industry considers that

The industry was largely The industry was largely built up after the war, when the reparations paid by Fining land to the Soviet Union included nearly 600 vessels. Between 1951 and 1960, the Soviet Union continued to be the biggest customer of Finnish yards, with nearly 1,000 vessels delivered in that period.

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The best kind of Finnish steel works manufacturing Oy PPTH-Norden Ab is a young but already well thriving and expanding Filmish enterprise particularly in export fields. In a very short time the company has become important in its line in Fishend and in the other Scandinavian Countries. The last two years have shown that the high presings of PPTH in the North is worthy of trusting in the Middle East, too. PPTH carries out pipeline and equipment instellations for the industry, manufactures steel structures, bothers and pretablicated pipings and exacts different kinds of prelabrications. The fact that PPTH is a subsidiary of YTT, the biggest building contractor in Finland, guerantees punctual deliveries also in the projects including besides mechanical engineering also building and civil engineering work. PPTH has several workshops at Peräselnäjola, Finland. The total produc-tion space covers over 4.000 sq.m., office space about 1,500 sq.m. and storage space over 25.000 sq.m. Workshop production comprises mainly oder components, smokestacks steel fremework for buildings orelabincated stores, hangars and sheds Oy PPTH-Norden Ab

Glider soars on science

by John Mowinski

Advanced technology in design usually demands the size of investment and attendant commercial risks that are not normally associated has not only taken on and has not only taken on and The prototype was flown beaten the established com-competitively in Australia in petition but researched and January 1973 where it was refined its product to placed a promising thir-achieve a level of worldwide teenth, and serial produc-success in glider manufaction of this, the world's first ture that places it among flapped 15 metre glider, was the leaders from the point started the next year. Of view of product perform-

tions were changed to allow in Finland at the invitation gliders with flaps into the of Eiriavion.

15 metre class, the Helsinki Even in the infancy of the University of Technology decided to develop a glass fibre the glider soon became possibilities for serialized limiting the glider to a production in mind. Molino subsequently decided to join national gliding champion small private busi the project which was designational guiding champion-s. Eiriavion, a family nated the PIK 20 (PIK repressioning first placings

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to that company's successful of glider manufacture exper-development of advanced ience, maintains a strong glider technology. Carbon competitive presence. fibre and a special heat—However, Esko Gronlund firm offset agreement under strages of heine configuration. The British Aerospace proso far the offset office signed to the compared to any other in that class, and at the same time a surong glider, incorporating advances in aerodynamic design which have given it high performance together with docile handling qualities.

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Zealand and Denmark. the leaders from the point started the next year.

New technology has become a strong feature in the development of Finnish glider manufacture of more to scientific initiative than commercial foresight. Molino (the company adopted its present ittle in May of last year)

It among flapped 15 metre glider, was the sachievements to date was the spectacular victory scored by the PIK-in the spectacular victory scored by the PIK-

The compensation arrangements for the Hawk contract give Finnish exporters an opportunity to sell £100m worth of goods to Britain. Hawker Siddeley, which has established offset sales offices in Kingston upon Thames and Helsinki, is confident it will be able to meet the offset requirements in time to conclude the deal

Britain wins jet trainer sales dog-fight

by Arthur Reed

become the first of what the aircraft industry in the United States, Fin-British land, Britain, Australia, New hopes hopes will be many overseas customers for the Hawk, a lightweight jet trainer which is being produced by Hawker Siddeley within British Aerospace, the nationalized com-

The Finns chose the Hawk

after an intense international competition involving aircraft being developed by the Swedes, French, Czechs and Italians. The selection of the

main wing spar and a number of other components, has A technological lead is been made possible to a difficult to maintain. Two large extent through the expears ago the PIK was in a tensive research undertaken class of its own but now by the Helsinki University of other manufacturers produce. Technology.

Because the university is Exiavion remains the only not involved in time and glider manufacturer to use fund-consuming space recarbon fibre technology but search, it has been able to even there Esko Gronlund, maintain close cooperation the sales manager, sees his with Erriavion and it is this company's lead eventually unusual and essential relationship that forms the key for instance, with 40 years to be in the produce of the prod up and marketing skills on a felt by some sectors of scale totally unknown to most British industry that Valco of the Finnish companies. is being used as a backdoor nish attitude to the offser opportunities is typical of the passive sales malaise that to a Czech machine, but the rather than going out and Valmet recently produced its British secret industry is looking for them?, he says, own designed primary

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One of the crucial offset for the Finns, the Hawk been given only one year to negotiations revolves around the find the £100m compensatory the establishment in Finland selection that the inventory one

The other big part of the affects his country's export Finnish involvement in the industries. We still want for construction of the Handcustomers to come to us be carried out by Valmet.

> position has been placed before the Finnish Government and final negociations are taking place. One event that augurs well is Finland's decision at the end of last month to purchase some 20

find the £100m compensatory the establishment in Finland as not only do their military sales, but according to of a television tube manutake into their inventory one sources in Finland there is facturing campany called of the best jet modern The author is Air every indication that the Valco, which has a 20 per trainers in the world, but pondent, The Times.

their aerospace will be able to "plug in" to the far enced aircraft industry of Britain. There is little doubt that, given good will on both sides, other joint aircraft projects, both n-ilitary and civil, could flow from the

Although British Aero-space hope to sell the Hawk to many other countries abroad, and are in negotia tion with several, the RAF is the only other customer

fixed-price contract for 175 Hawks was pluced for the RAF in March, 1972 the first aircraft Rew and The first and second pro-duction aircraft flew in the following spring. No proto craft were produced as is usual with a new aircraft of this type. Instead, the first six off the assembly line were used by HSA and the Aircraft and Armament Experimental Establishment is being used as a backdoor enery into Britain for One Finnish businessman enery into Britain for for the development believes that the general Fin- Japanese tube manufac test programme. for the developmental flight

Production for the RAP will continue at three or four a month until about 1980, when the order will completed. By that time, hones that the Finnish order will have been joined by a number of other overseas purchases to keep the assembly line active earth purchases well into rhe late 1980s, or even the 1990s.

The Hawk is powered by one Rolls-Royce Turbomeca Adour 151 turbofan, another product of an Anglo-French aerospace project, generating 5,340lb of thrust.

This gives the aircraft a maximum speed of 617mph at sea level, or 570mph at 30,000ft. Time taken to climb to 40.000tt from take-off is



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Inflation—but diet returns to roots

In many respects Finland forms a bridge between East and West—and this is the position it occupies on the gastronomic map of the

by Leena Fields

Finland is where the Rus-sian salmon pie, the kulibiaka, and meat-balls so cherished by the Swedes, meet. It is also absorbing a pizza and hamburger invasion. But the Finnish cuisine has enviable distinctiveness. Above all there are regional dishes, honourable preservers of traditional eating habits, which at their best combine unfussy simplicity with geographical variation. Finnish cuisine is not a matter of spicing that brings tears to the eyes, or the most complex recipes devisable Yet in its own unassuming way it is exotic, offering just

way it is explic, oftering just as many delights as its inter-national counterpart.

The traveller who approa-ches Finland over the Bakin gains the best impression of the richness of the Finnish table. The standing table smörgåsbord (voileipäpöytä in Finnish) is the pride of every Finnish ship and res-raurant. Unavoidable, it enraurant. Unavoidable, it ensures diners into excess. Cunning tourists find methods of saving some of its delicacies for less bountiful days: the idea is to eat as much as you can, in your own favourite order. The table seemingly offers everything: fish, meat, salad, vegetables, bread, and cheeses—all served in countless delectable varieties.

After the culinary luxury of the smorgasbord, other pleasures tend to pale, because of the high price rises triggered by recent inflation. The expense of meat in par-

The expense of meat in particular is leading the housewife back to traditional grains and roots and reasonably priced fish.

Nutritionists approve this.

trend, though less acceptable habits live on. Mear is often consumed in the form of greasy sausage; in general fats are used to excess, fruit and vegetables too little. Latest surveys indicate some slight improvement, but the typical Finn still eats too few vegetables—just seven grammes daily a head. The fruit intake is somewhat less meagre, being fairly cheap: in some springs a kilo of imported oranges costs less than the same weight in home-grown potatoes.

The "home's best" tas

applies throughout the world. For all its straightforward-ness. Finnish everyday food can offer rich flavours. A large variety of soups—pea, meat, fish and so on—is matched in popularity by casseroles, milk dishes, and "mum's meat-balls". The

casseroles, milk dishes, and "mum's meat-balls". The diet has always been built around a staple of bread and potatoes, which are tending to reinforce their position.

The Finnish cuisine's best raw material is fish. There are lots to choose from. The Baltic berring may seem mundane, but experts say you can prepare 100 different dishes from it. The least cumbersome way

is to fry it, or bake it supermarkets and on menus caseerole-like in the oven, for official visits. The thin together with slices of pancakes of Savo (east-potato, onion, and egg whipped in milk. Stuffed pike, stewed burbot, bream cooked in foil hint at the rest of the range.

Modern mobility has confused the regional culinary pattern. Cheese from Kainuu (centre north) and reindeer found in southern Finnish army's menu this land's best meat dishes. On the west coast, in cacies are salmon and cloud berties—the latter covering between seasons are strongly marked limit to other delication and cloud between seasons are strongly marked latter covering so called bread-cheese—the latter covering between seasons are strongly marked limit to othe delication and cloud between seasons are strongly marked limit to other delication and cloud between seasons are strongly marked limit to other delication and cloud between seasons are strongly marked limit to other delication and cloud between seasons are strongly marked limit to other delication of the diet and eagerly awaited between seasons are strongly marked giving rhythm to ostrobothnia, they dip a seasonal dishes. Eastertide brings lamb, colourfully many fourists.

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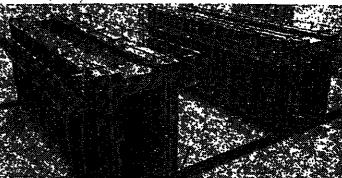


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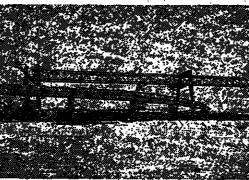


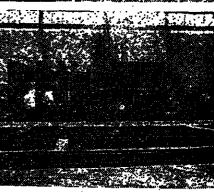












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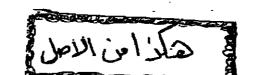
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'Scientific brutalization of building' draws architect's wrath

by Donald Fields

The death of Alvar Aslto in 1976 left a void in Finnish architecture and design which may require more than out government help, since a generation to fill. Asho we would rather be free of had the authority to insist ideological preference and interference." uncompromising excel-

resent the way in which rural property-developers dispense with their services in favour of engineers with narrower perspectives. They wince at the standardized methods of prefabricated building which are turning logical and smooth, it has their towns into an appendbue been ragged and discordant: age of some multinational subculture.

Franck's ceramics and Weck-Franck's ceramics and Weckström's jewelry attracted over-philosophical, but he
superlatives. Some names also gives practical examples
hold their own—the Esplanade houses Marimekko, ergonomic, aesthetic and
Arabia, Vuokko, Metsovaara and Pentik, while such producers as Aardkka (wooden Valmet six-wheel tractor,
jewels and toys), Nuurajärvi (artistic glass), Kultakeskus (incorporating Wirkkeskus (incorporating

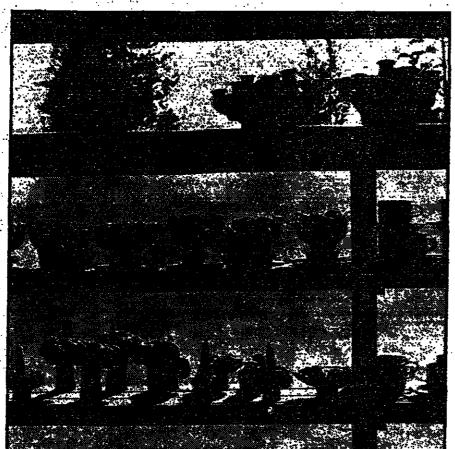
which one removes oneself from the masses, and works not of necessity but by choice. In areas where industry has impinged it remains a symbol of quality.
We fight for survival with-

lence; the present mental removed from that of the such single-mindedness.

Disenchantment is easily Disenchantment is easily discernible. Archifects promote the national contrained at two technological trained at two technological tribution abroad. Its manuacturity is and two top schools feel that barenucrats trample on their ideas. They resent the way in which present the way in which present the way in which certaed with planning and pollution. has neglected the

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Dr Perizinen might appear



Ceramics by Ann Pentik continue to entice discriminating gift buyers.

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As one authority, Mr trypeople and 45 per cent of country people and 45 per cent of the urban population to mention the island monastration. The origins of the serves: "It was fortunate taking back their old homes. Karelians are shrouded in mystery: they may have wended their own way from the Baltic countries, or been a straightforward offshoot from a greater Finnish diaspora.

The Karelians first gave themselves territorial expression in the eleventh century: unabashed by subsections."

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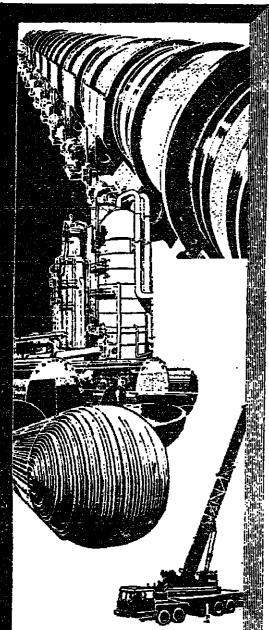
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after the Lutheran, barbaric Swedes had satisfied their wanderlust with the Treaty of Stolbova in 1617. A century later, when Peter the Great took his turn at drawing maps, the Karelia Scotety was formed in Helsinki to "liberate" commercial acumen was given new vent. As they had once supplied Novgorod with frus, they now helped to feed and hear Leningrad.

Under the tsars Karelians living near highways and monasteries succumbed to serfdom, but off the beaten track freer communities of extended families went on farming by slash-and-burn methods. Their gregarious

The Karelians first gave themselves territorial expression in the eleventh century: unabashed by subsequent rivalry between the proto-Russian Novgorod and Muscovy, they flung themselves far—to Lapland, the White Sea, beyond Lake Onega, Clamsish groups, speaking a hotch-potch of dialects and nutruring a mosaic of folklore, consolidated their bold on an area larger than present-day Finland. But Karelia became and Russia. Guided by a Byzantine instinct for survival, many people looked ears for salvazion, finding refuge in Mother Russian for Stolbova in 1617. A century later, when Peter the Gereat took his turn at draw there is the salven in the Western and consolidation of the lates of the salven in the lates of t

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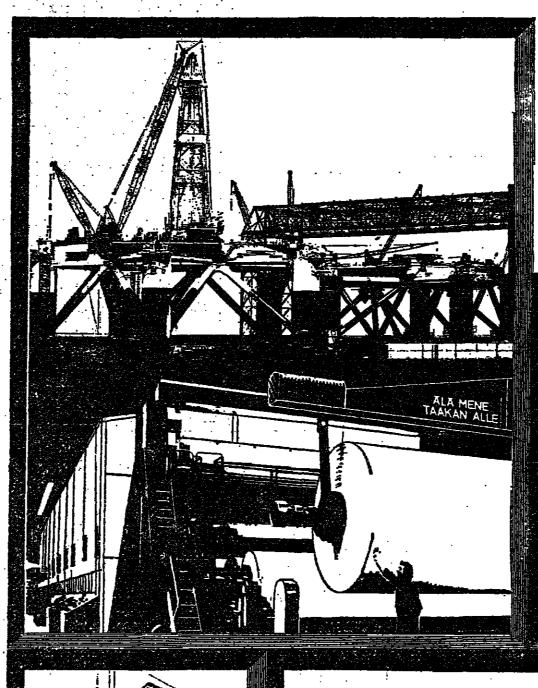
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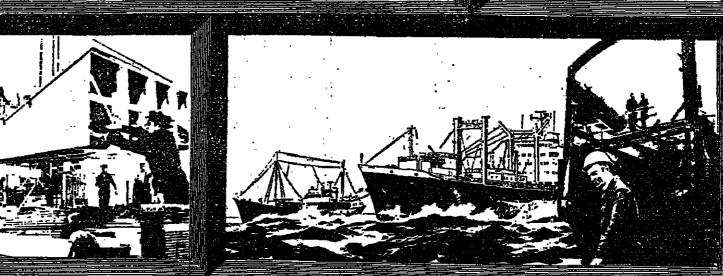
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Aulis Sallinen

Opera is thriving in Finland, hanks largely to the hom grown variety and the Herculean efforts of two comthe academician who per-sonifies the musical establishment, and a younger man imbued with instant charm, Aulis Sallinen.

them: Sallinen studied The opera — Ratsumies under Kokkonen at the (The Horseman)—was scored Sibelius Academy, where to a beautiful libretto by

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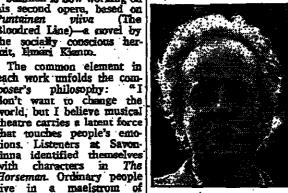
Music from another formative influence Finland's leading poet, Pasavo was Aarre Merikanto, com Hasvikko, for the 500th poser of the seminal Finnish anniversary of Olavinlinea Castle, backcloth to the Savoniuma Festival.

"It seems odd, but Meri-kamo's biting criticism could shoot sparks of in his second opera, based on spiration", Salkmen recalls. Puntainen viiva (The spiration", Salimen recalls. Puntainen viiva (The "Yet he taught me less than Bloodred Line)—a novel by Kolamen, who had so much the socially conscious herto give in a technical sense." mit, Ilmani Kianno. Salkinen's 42 years have

been a steady upward curve, each work unfolds the com-Born near Lake Ladoga, he poser's philosophy: joined the wartime west don't want to change the ward trek of Karelian world, but I believe musical evacuees. His teenage years theatre carries a larent force were spent in a small west that touches people's emocrast town where, making the touches people's emocrast town where, making the touches people's emocrast town where, making the touches at Savon arrangements from Glenn linna identified themselves making the characters in The records, he assembled a Horseman. Ordinary people 12-piece school jazz band, live in a maeistrom of The impresario in him was events they can't control, subsequently indispensable and I feel sympathy for for a 10-year term as man their plight." ager of the Radio Symphony

Sallinen's output includes three symphonies, four string quartets, a ballet, a violin concerto, and a new cello concerto recently sired by Arto Noras and the Hallé Orchestra. The absence of musical roots in the family

Anti-hero author



fused by harsh reality. the past is an antidote pos-Some readers feel that sibly hard to digest. been sucked into a huge Meri occasionally descends "Conservative quarters mainstream, pro-Kekkonen, pro-estatfrom humour into frivolity, consider the winter war was but his indignation rings the most glorious happening true: "The Danes rate the in our history. They think mitted. When it comes to most important in their his minutes, when the nation the crunch even I am loyal tory. Can you imagine? study matted before the end to the republic. We are commonly to the share in the comes with our constant in their his minutes, when the nation the crunch even I am loyal tory. Can you imagine? study matted before the end to the republic. We are commonly to the constant in the consta

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in 1928. Inured to the "one-sidedness" of making attiwondered why the terms were so bad." tudes ("War memoirs are most amusing they actually take the horror out of fighting"), he ventured into prose in 1954. In 1973 his

was events they can't control, ble and I feel sympathy for their plight."

How international are the operatic messages by Sallises nen and his mentor in Kokkonen? "The globe is a too big for an artist to stand on it with both his feet. I maional point of departure. But if it has significance? But if it has significance? I maional point of departure. But if it has significance? I maional point of departure. But if it has significance? I men when set against his decreased in writhdes, he had, eyes closed and face and successfully quality, art crosses borders and becomes universal."

Nordic Literature Prize. In recent years he admits to a fixed outlook but a changed southlook but a changed southl

the past is an antidote, pos-modern Finland we have Important, no — sheatering, of the world. Four months though fortunately we have later people wept when heri, short of stature and peace was signed—would not reached Swedish levels of way her now greying, was you credit it? Believing which will simulate those born into an officer's family them had want the same than the which will simulate those they had won the war, they which will simulate those wondered why the terms a good breeding-ground for

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Bold impact on life

Antti and Vuokko Nurmesniemi

Twe famy tale, he contends. The Few artists have developed of human beings, not just a finer sense of objects, machines." form and colour than Anti and Vuokko Nurmesniemi. Working like beavers, they have made a bold impact on deceptive simplicity everyday living in Finland again. A child might tasily and further afield: Anni find her secret, but adults with his interior and indus-trial design. Vuokko with trial design, Vuokko with overlook the vital clue: the her clothes and household materials she employs are

> design. Though each has a clear-cur field, their overall approach coalesces. Anti aims at surroundings which give natural and social bal-ance and show what unstinring artistic standards can achieve. Vooldso has a full-blooded commisment to blooded commitment to quality consistent with the materials available: "I can't chase after currents in 1960s, when she set up her fashion—they are not real own business, and the late renewal. We're still producting from 10-year-old models." space as if there were no Nurmesniemis' spacious optimistic, living beyond the contract of the Kulp.

east, Paavo Seppānen has tween athletic success and participated in the overriding social transformation: distural, political and religious background. East Germany, whose communistication in 1951, became acting professor at pedagogically-conscious Jyvāstylā in 1964, and now holds a chair at Helsinki University. His gentle manner is the antithesis of the "tough guy" image cultivated by many Pinns.

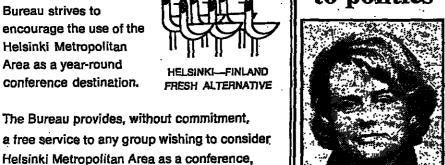
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Latecomer to politics



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Though she moved late into politics Mrs Työläjärvi is a third-generation Social Democrat, maintaining a conistent profile in a left wing which can stay more re-strained than its British equivalent since there are many communists to stoke the emotional fires.

She spent part of the war separated from her stonemason father and metal-worker mother as an evacuee

Finnish children. She gradu-ated in Turku from a Swed-ish-language school of eco-Europe, but the Finas have a streak of individuality and ther, audinor and nanagement of

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while a member of the the central bank go Centre Party presides over to the bank system.

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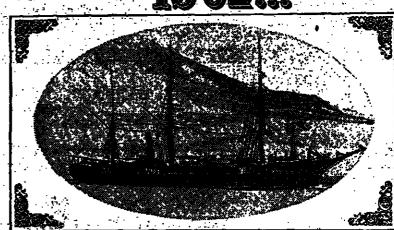
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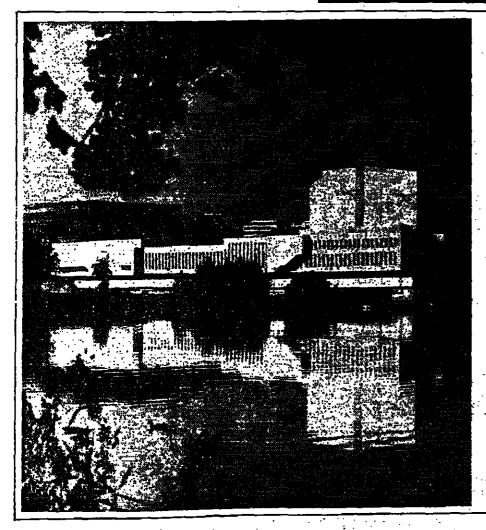
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the Kalastajatorppa and the Palace appealing to the British taste for restful sea-

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of winter skiing and summer Mikkeli province, whose
swimming half an hour up
magnificent capital houses
the main line from Helsinki. the lakeside congress hotel

The archetypal industrial scene of log-floating, paper-mills, and harbour cranes is typified by the Kymi valley, which gives its name to the south-eastern province. Crossing this north-south stand accommodation are frequently separate several hotels in greater Helsinki achieve a rough balance between beds and seating in the Soviet Union. Russian timber and oil conference rooms. Best known are the Intercontinental, Hesperia, Tapiola Garden and the Korpilampi (Forest Lake) with the Kalastaiatoropa and the Kalastaiatoropa in these cracies in these rarefled wildlands. Distances gradually widea in these cracies in these rarefled wildlands. Distances g

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Kymi's most sumptuous wartime ravages — contains holiday resort is the Vakion- some Alvar Aalto gems and hotelli at Imatra, a border proves the adage that service proves the adage that service grows in friendliness in

While Lapland's leadeadvocate devolution, one part of Finland already enjoys a —the Arand Islands, 95 per cent of whose population are Swedish in language and sentiment Mariehamn, whose linden-lined streets are eloquent of the money made from seafaring, has the un-

Subsidy could endanger independent press

by Olli Kivinen

Finland's traditional press reedom, which has hitherto seen taken for granted, is for the first time in years incatened with economic messures. Politicians are peaking ominously about the

ressures. Politicians are peaking ominously about the greater part of the press reing "ourside parliamentary control".

The importance of the ndependent daily newspapers in Finland has ucreased rapidly during the party press and the state radio and television monopoly, Yleisradio (or Yle for redoctor). This independent papers short. This party press cause the construction of diversified the dark of the media.

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are equally parochial and restrictive.
Uusi Suomi, formerly the main organ of the fourth big party, the Conservatives, is a recent example of how

a recent example of how economic necessities force more and more papers to independence. Uusi Suomi cut its links with the party two years ago as its grew rapidly.

The paper decided to go independent, with close links with private industry. New

editors have made numerous changes, but these have not improved the desperate financial straits of the paper because it chose to compete in the same market with the dominant Helsingin Sanomat. Competition between newspapers is not really stiff. The independent Helsingin Sanomat with a circulation of over 350,000 (400,000 on Sundays) towers above the others. The party papers do not offer any competition as their lack of quality excludes all buyers but party faithfuls. The leading provincial papers are strong in their own

areas but show no signs of expanding into national circulation with all the expenses involved.
Among women's and general family magazines, however, the competition is fierce, and an all-out war is fought—largely with detail

of the private lives of local celebrities. Finnish newspapers are traditionally serious, even sombre, and anything approaching a popular daily is hard to find. This seriousness sometimes goes too far, when the papers become a part of the establishment As a contrast to this seriousness come the magazines which go to the other

In the cut-throat magazine market improving the quality is considered an obsolete weapon. Magazine journalism became so intrusive that public opinion forced Parliament to enact strong legisle tion to protect the private lives of people.

The legislation improve the security of individuals but it did not improve the quality of the magazines. A local beauty queen's adven tures with an obscure boy friend can still sell severa magazines simultaneously and a pound of coffee is better inducement for potential subscriber than ournalistic quality. The split personality of

Famush media user who pre-fers serious daily papers and trivial magazines has puzzled many observers and offered is that the light weight magazines fill an entertainment vacuum by a television ideology which sneers at television



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Financial and industrial policies are not a heady brew

Economy undergoes its roughest ride

by Donald Fields

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makers. The only influential absences were the hardcore communists, leaving everyone else from their "revisionist" comrades (now in the Government) to the sterusest captains of industry to sit through two days of telk. The Korpilampi brew is not a heady one. The documents produced on incomes policy, farming and forestry, competitiveness, and the working environment were cosmetically unexceptionable. True, they may have had some bearing on policy, but threy were bacilly an dvance on the Government's ability to buy time at the crumbs will of Finland has also checked the profile, if not the dimensions, of a foreign debt hovering around 23 per cent of gdp.

As its governor has stated: "We don't want our debt the rouble with Korpilampi for years. We can only environment to get out of hand. If we start at came three years too lare, In those three years the Finnish economy has under-IIII absolute to the combined for years. We can only environments bearing on policy. In those three years the Finnish economy has under-IIII absolute to the combined trop to get out of hand. If we start suffer that no greater harm happens to the economy."

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was that it came three years too late.

In those three years the Finnish economy has undergone its roughest ride of modern times: almost no growth, 50 to 60 per cent Finland as the only small inflation, a burgeoning for country likely to reduce its edge unemployment from the stantially this year. Most only time in Finnish history, and the foolhardy, (9 per cent of the work addicted to carefree investions to the 1973 oil crisis.

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Sunday morning in Market Square, Helsinki. Despite economic woes and indus-

Like marriage, unions have off-days

When the occasion arises, President Kekkonen does not provide and industrial relations have not escaped his socice. In November 1976 he effectively broke a strike bilascolar SAK's 95,000 he profess and jeopardizing production. In Marchin was balling Finhand's railways and jeopardizing production. In April 1977. addressing Finhand's largest trade union organization, he declared what the strike weapon was "obsolete".

Those forceful interventions came amid a wave of strikes that cost 1,350,000 working days in 1976 and 2,200,000 in the first half of 1977, despite a decline in union bargaining power because of rapidly growing unamployment.

Unlike their Scandinaryian meighbours, who in the first unnow not to upset the inturnal soppe resigned to this pattern. Phrases like postured and "union-bashing" are not in their vocabulary, and such British fixations as the closed shop, mass picket ing and political links are rarely cited in debate. The climate of opinion is less for and against the unions as such than it is emotionally diffused through the entire range of social issues. Union as such British fixations as such than it is emotionally diffused through the entire range of social issues. Union and the propagand of the state of the propagand of

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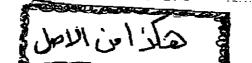
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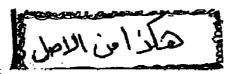
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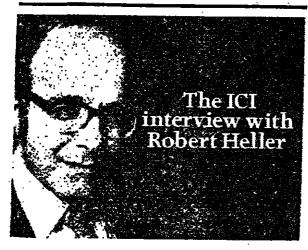




'You are thrown in at the deep end with no restrictions really, the opportunities are marvellous?'

"How important is the profit motive in industry?" asks Robert Heller, From 1. to z.: Brian Stones; Heller, Judith Mills, Max White.

Judith Mills, ICI Sales Representative



The vision of industry in the minds of many young people still owes much to Blake's 'dark satanic mills'. How fair an assessment is this? Every year ICI recruits around two hundred graduates. In this interview. Robert Heller. Editor of 'Management Today' talks to three, working at ICI Mond Division in Cheshire - Judith Mills (23), Sales Representative, Brian Slaney (26), an Engineer, and Max White (27), a Personnel Officer. How have their ideas of industry in general, and ICl in particular, changed?

White: Yes...a high degree - which I also shared. The academic world deals in theory, so assumptions are made which you later find are not reflected in reality. There's little appreciation of how managers do their jobs or that they have to balance human interests with commercial reality.

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formed only a very tiny part of it.

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Slaney: The public probably see things like the social services as being more directly useful. They fail to realise that it's companies like ICI, contributing through taxes and so on, that make these services possible.

Mills: One of the major things is the employment we create . . . that people are better off. I think if we had more of an ICI set-up throughout the countrymore profitable firms - we'd all be better off.

Heller: How important is the profit motive in industry?

White: We're a capital intensive industry and we've got to make a profit to keep pace with the need to build new plants - which will help us to get our share of world markets.

Heller: Do you all feel your work at ICI is useful Slaney: It's essential if British industry is to go ahead. I have shop floor meetings where we share information about what we are doing. In one product area where we've had problems, the first question the foreman gets asked is "How much did we make yesterday?" This is a step in the right direction as far as I can see.

Heller: And what do you all get out of it?

Slaney: I've found myself doing the sort of jobs now that I once thought I wouldn't be allowed to tackle for another 10 years. After only 5 years here. I've got 60 people working for me and a budget of £¼ million.

Heller: Max, you're a social scientist and personnel specialist. Have you found much scope for initiative at ICI?

White: Yes. When I first arrived I was given the go

 $ahead \ to \ introduce \ a \ psychological \ testing \ scheme$ of mine, in certain areas. That was my initiative and the company welcomed it. Their willingness to consider new ideas is very heartening.



tackle for lÖyears."

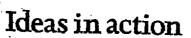
Heller: So joining such a large organisation hasn't robbed you of your individuality...

White: In a company as large as this there's plenty of space - space for the individual to develop.

Mills: I've found there are no restrictions really or orders from above - the opportunities are marvellous. After 2 years I'm responsible for handling sales worth £12 million to our customers in the Manchester area.

Heller: Can a big company be competitive - has ICI a sharp enough cutting edge?

Mills: Yes, I think it has. We do well. We create wealth as a company and lots of people benefit. This wouldn't happen if we weren't sharp and better at our job than the opposition.





Heller: Max, was there any hostility towards profitable concerns like ICI in your fraternity?

Heller: What persuaded you, despite your initial

White: I was fascinated by industrial relations. I wanted to find out what really happened. I'd assumed industrial relations were about confrontation. When I arrived I found confrontation THE TIMES SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 1977

The bitter split in Ghana may be a healthy sign

The president of the Ghana untrue, and he threatened, Medical Association warned "the full rigours of the law" me that there would be Special policemen about ourside his house. hope it will not embarrass you", he said. "They watch me all the time."

logy, shows how part of the debate on the method of Ghana's return to civilian rule has become embittered and

There is, however, another side to the story. I have just completed a 10-day tour of the country, which included watching Ceneral Acheampong, who has led a military government since his coup in 1972, being acclaimed at a big gathering of chiefs and people in the rural Volta Region. This has led me to believe that the Government has considerable support among non-intellectual Ghanaians, and that its proposals for "union government'—or non-party democracy—are likely to receive a huge majority in the referendum to be held on

I should perhaps add that I went to Ghana with other ournalists at the expense of the Ghana Government, which thinks that the debate on union government is of an importance that merits more

One of the main complaints of the intellectuals is that there has been, in fact, no real debate: there has been only an overwhelming propaganda exercise by the military regime. Further, they allege that there is not sufficient press freedom to allow for a proper airing of the issues, and that there has been serious intimidation of the opponents of union govern-

Specifically, Dr Quarcoo-point showed us pictures of his Mercedes car which had been set on fire by a gang of things. While it was parked out-side the flat of a friend they broke a window, poured petrol onto a seat and threw in a match. The entire interior is gutted. There have been

attempts to burn other cars. The doctor, who is a brave man and remains entirely un-intimidated and unhesitant about talking to the press, said he and other professionals were also receiving many abusive letters, some threatening their lives. More seriously, in his view, two attempts by the professionals to hold meetings to discuss union government had been permanent.

been prevented.
On August 25 a meeting was stopped by the police at the last moment because, they claimed. had been a failure to obtain the necessary permis-sions. A second meeting, on October 12, was broken up women immediately started. They threw chairs about and wielded iron bars, forcing the audience and the speakers to flee. One or two people were injured.

The professionals mutter darkly about official connivance at the violence. But after the second meeting General Acheampong publicly con-demned this sort of thuggery and appealed to people to allow the opponents of union sovernment to have their say. In a later speech he said affegations of intimidation had been investigated and found

against anyone spreading such rumours.

The complaint about lack of press freedom was put most vigorously and authorita-tively in a talk I had with Mr This statement by Dr Corne-lius Quarcoopome, a distin-guished professor of ophthalmo-Communication at Ghana University.

"People will reach the right decisions in the referendum only if they are given the right information." he said. "At the moment they are being given only one side of the question."

He poured scorn on the way
the big-circulation governmentdown on their job : there were independent papers opposing union government, like the Pioneer, published in Kumasi, and the Roman Catholic Standtions. The true freedom of the press was prevented by a decforcing newspapers to y for licences every year-Mr Ansah has been personally Mr Ansan has been personally involved in a publication salled the Legon Observer, a fortuightly rather like the New Statesmen which had to cease publication in 1974 and which has now applied for a licence to restart publication. Ministry

of Information people I spoke to said the application was going through normal channels and would almost certainly be granted. Mr Ansah and other intellectuals feel there has been undue delay and regard the whole thing as a test of the regime's sincerity The report on union govern

ment drawn up by a committee under the Attorney-General has strong recommendations about press freedom, proposing a press commission vise the state-owned papers, and Mr Ansah supports these proposals. But he is derisive about the rest of the report: democracy without parties would not work; the proposals were a device to provide some sort of legitimacy for con-tinued military rule; they were based on "phoney erudi-

tion":
The Bar Association leaders that I met were equally hirter and distrustful—they felt that the agreements reached at the end of the famous profes-sionals strike last June had nor been honoured.

Students, who played a leading part in the agitation that led to the June confrontation, are quiet at the moment, but their opposition to union government is well known and General Acheampong has said be knows of a plot for big disruption immediately before the referendum.

This gaping rift between the rulers of Ghana at the majority of the intellectuals must be a matter of concern. But there is another Ghana, as shall deal with its reactions in a second article. And there are beatthy signs

even in the dispute with the intellectuals. The anger is not suppressed and building up, like a boil: it is vocal and can be heard all over town. The be heard all over town. The military rulers are showing themselves, as at the time of the strike, sensitive to the traditional Ghanaian abhorrence of political violence.

There may be Special Branch policemen outside Dr Quarcoopome's home, but he wis the policy of the control of the control

sits uparrested inside. Kenneth Mackenzie

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John P Mackintosh

Is Parliament trying to prove it does not adequately represent the people?

We are a community; the British deal in situations, in actual problems and not in ideas. But perhaps this tendency is now being carried to a length which leads to public confusion, which pre-vents coherent action and is one reason why this nation is not reaching its full potential.

Consider, for instance, the notion of parliamentary democracy. Britain used to pride itself on being the oldest and most consistent example of representative government. The people chose their representatives and they, in turn, selected a Prime Minister. He was responsible to the House of Commons whose members ans-

wered for their actions in

selecting and maintaining such

a government at the next general election. Then elements of direct began to creep in. The rival candidates for the appealed directly to the people. The parties put forward elaborate programmes and it was argued that MPs elected on a party ticket were bound to support that party's leader and programme no mat-

ter how situations might have changed or what second thoughts they might have had. The position was made much more confused by the introduction of referenda, first on membership of the EEC, now on Scottish and Welsh devolution and, if Mrs Thatcher has her way, on industrial disputes.

the people. It also indicates that there are two classes of questions: those of major importance which must be set-tled by the voters and those of minor importance which can

be left to Parliament. Now a further dimension has During the debates on the Scotland Bill, several MPs (Eric Heffer, Robin Cook and Neil Kinnock are examples) explained that although they have always been opposed to devolution and although their opposition to it has increased, they would vote in favour of the Bill and in favour of the guillotine. But. at the same time, they

amounced that once the Bill is passed they will campaign for a "No" vote in the subsequent referendum. When I asked one conduct, he said that he had stood at the general election on a manifesto which included devolution so he was bound to vote for it in Parliament but at the referendum he was a free and would express his Another argued that if the Bill was defeated in the House,

pressure for devolution would continue so he voted for the referendum where the rejection of the Bill (for which he would campaign) would be

When this sort of thing

pressures and problems from all sides confirm that it is time we made up our minds what kind of democracy we want so that Parliament can be reformed accordingly. The Devolution Bill, to stick to

what is currently going through the House, shows how inadequate the Commons is as a machine for considering and improving a major and complex measure. Such a Bill cannot go through without a guil-lotine but with a guillotine, large blooks of amendments are never debated. Clauses may be lost as a show of minor party strength but serious amendments are unlikely. The Prime Minister, the

Cabinet and the National Executive of the Labour Party have all proclaimed the need for a much more effective scruting of legislative proposals coming from the European Community but the Commons is organized for major political controversy across the floor of the House and it cannot do this work without a proper system of

On the really major issues, Parliament no longer includes or encompasses the leading pressure groups so that the Government deals directly with the TUC and the CBI and members are expected to endorse whatever is decided at meerings between these bodies, decisions which can range from incomes policy to taxa-

result is confusion about the kind of democracy we have and want and this means that it is not possible to refurbish our institutions in order to make them effective.

The same is true of our ful of people in Britain believe in a return to total laisser faire—it is both politically un-acceptable and socially undesirable. Equally, only a handful believe in a totally state owned and controlled economy because such systems not only perform badly but are incom-patible with the personal free-doms which we cherish.

So there is bound to be a mixed economy in Britain for the foresecable future. Yet no one has set out a convincing account and justification of the system the vast majority of people regard as most desirable, and therefore it works badly. For instance, there are no clear rules for the conduct of the public sector.

To take British Rail as an example, the Government could say to the board here is £425 million a year for five years—go and run a successful railway on this basis. Or they could make the railways a department of state run by a minister. But it cannot be sen-sible to do both, with more men in the department of transport revising and check-

non-ideological a public admission that on that happens, it is not surgaising the end the level of pension. Auxily employed to do the job British deal in assue the House of Commons that citizens loss their conficiency. Each of these procedures by British Rail.

As But perhaps the paper of the heads of the corporations major public corporations seem to have a clear idea of major what they are to aim at, by what criteria their performance and that of the industries will be judged or the pre-cise form which their relations

with the Government should Then there is the confused rationale of the private sector. For a few, most of whom are on the defensive, it is the lifeblood of the economy. For others, stretching from academics and administrators to shop stewards and students, it is a slightly distasteful quest profits which may or may

not have some social value.

Yet, while most people would accept that to have only one employer in the country, to have all wages, prices and investment decisions deter-mined by the state would be the end of democracy in Britain, there is still a lack of rules explaining what is legit-imate and laudable in the operation of the private sector.

Finally, there is the question of what constitutes proper relations between the two secresalished between the two sec-tors. For example, ought the Government to be allowed to use regional incentives, export credit guarantees or its posi-tion as a major purchaser of certain goods to force private firms to accept its industrial or incomes policies?

to be allowed to apandon some of the original tasks speculied unto orner forms of business the travel industry or into North Sea Call as they would do if they were lively and profitable private con-cerns? Although we have been living with a mixed economy since the war or before, there are no guidelines on these

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The two areas of confusion are interlinked. Marxists are right when they say that polis. ical institutions rest on and fit with the structure of the economy. Any adequate set of principles which would act as a guide for and justification of the mixed economy ought also to coincide with and support our concept of political demo-

If Parliament is to work, it must rest on the support of voters and also be capable of society on the voters' behalf; them and to carry out their wishes in an effective way. Hard though it may be for a pragmatic people, it is time an ideology was thought through on these points as adequate principles, a sense of direction and some confidence about where we are going are all badly needed.

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Why we must not forget Europe in the North Sea oil debate

With the extensive leaking of the Healey-Benn report, the great debate on Britain's economic options in the light of the North Sea oil bonanza may be said to be under way. At the risk of spoiling the cosiness, we need to remind ourselves that our EEC partners not only expect to be consulted, but have a right to demand it. North Sea oil not only has a Scottish and a British dimension, but a European one also.

The debate really has two aspects. There is the straightforward question of how to spend the money; but there is also the more immediate one of how we should manage the exchange rate. Should sterling be allowed to float upwards to to its "natural" level, or to its "natural" level, or should we try to hold it down? The EEC has a strong interest in this issue, as well as the longer-term one. When sterling was drifting downwards on the world exchanges, the British food consumer was British food consumer was shielded from the consequences, because the green pound which determines the price at which food is traded within the European Community was not de-valued. This meant that our EEC partners were subsidizing us to the tune of more than

Elm a day. Now that sterling is no longer a weak currency, our partners can reasonably demand that the gap between the green pound and the normal pound should be closed, so that food prices reflect real exchange rates. They can also reasonably ask why sterling should not now join the Economic and Mone-tary Union "snake", along with Europe's other strong curren-cies like the Deutschmark, the Dutch guilder, and the Belgian franc.

franc.

In other words, one of our first obligations now that we are no longer impoverished should be to regularize our financial relations with our partners, and in so doing help to strengthen the economic stability of the Community.

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In fact, joining the "snake" seak stability of the EEC currencies—would be to the United Kingdom's advantage, provided

chosen initially.

What Britain needs is an exchange rate which can be maintained without not much exchange rate without not much difficulty, since everybody wants to avoid the disruptive effect of continual fluctuations. effect of continues fractions one currency, it is more sensible for sterling to align itself to a group of reasonably strong currencies such as those which currently make up the European "grade".

on "snake". Second, the United Kingdom authorities want an exchange rate which will be low enough to ensure that Britain's manufactured exports do not lose compeninveness, yet high enough to play some part in holding down implexion. (It was the soaring cost of imports, despite the shemanigans of the green pound, caused by the de-chining value of the pound which undermined stage two of the prices and incomes policy If sterling could be pinned

into the "snake" at a reason-able rate these objectives could be maintained. If it commues to float freely outside, external pressures—notably the weaken-ing of the dollar—could push the rate up to a point at which our balance of trade could There is another element in

there is another element in the equation. The Treaty of Rome requires as one of its basic principles the free movement of goods, people and capital abroughout the Community. By maintaining restrictions on overseas investment, the United Kingdom is in breach of this principle. Because of our ecoallowed a temporary derogation which comes up for renego tiation in January. Inevitably, now that sterbing is strong, Mr Healey is going to come under heavy pressure from his EEC colleagues to abolish all restrictions on the export of capital to other EEC countries. What our partners would like, in short, is a three-point finan-cial package, to be negotiated as soon as possible in the new

1—Sterling to join the EMU snake" at a mutually-agreed rate; 2—Unification of the green pound with this rate;

trol, and lifting of restrictions owned companies). on sperling investment within the EEC.

Of these, the first is in my view to our advantage provided a realistic rate can be agreed. The second is plainly to our disadvantage, but it is a bargaining card which we should use to secure improvements in other aspects of the common agricultural policy, since the present position is in the long run indefensible.

The third point is more_controversial. In the Healey-Benn paper, promotion of overseas investment is one of the six main "options" listed for spending the benefits of North Sea oil. It has the strong support of the Confederation of British Indus-try, but is opposed by the TUC on the grounds that priority should be given to job creation at home. (The CBI argues that successful overseas invest creates jobs in the UK; the argument has been going on for many years, and is really un-proven either way).

On the one hand, it is clear that maintenance of the present apparatus of exchange controls is a breach of the Treaty of Rome, of a kind which may be but is hard to justify for a strong one. On the other hand, the Bank of England is likely to argue for caution, on the grounds that the free export of capital to the EEC in effect means that sterling can be exported to the rest of the world as well since explanate controls. as well, since exchange controls it EEC frontiers are much less effective than those operated at our own national frontiers. Is sterling really strong enough for this, after so many years of pro-tected isolation?

Probably the best solution would be a compromise, under which controls were lifted on "direct" investment—that is, the use of money to buy or create fixed assets in the shape of factories, offices or machinery—in other EEC coun-tries, while continuing to take a more restrictive view of non-EEC investments, and of EC investments, and of portfolio" investments (the movement of money not linked to the creation of fixed assets.

such as buying shares in freign Ar the same time, the United Kingdom could well bring to an end the "25 per cent surren der rule", under which United

Kingdom sellers of overseas securities lose part of the pre-mium they had to pay to pur-In this way, the return of sterling to a fully-exchangeable curbs on overseas investment curos on overseas investment retained though in a more re-laxed form, while the United Kingdom would be seen to be moving towards accepting its bligations under the Rome

Whether such a package can be negotiated, of course, re-mains to be seen. What is clear is that the interests and legi-timate claims of our EEC part-ners cannot simply be ignored. as they have tended to be hitherto, in the exciting debate

Of the six options in the Healey-Benn paper, our EEC partners have a direct interest in two: overseas investment, and repayment of foreign debt (though the greater part of our debt is to the International Monetary Fund rather than to

They are likely to be fairly neutral as between the remain ing four options tex reducservices, investment in manufacturing industry, investment in energy. The weight to be given to these is essentially an mernal question for the United Kingdom, provided the form of investment is not such as to distort the EEC's rules of com-petition and give British firms en unfair trading advantage through subsidization.

in the EEC has an interest in the strength of each of its members, having suffered through carrying too many economic "passengers" during the last few years. Our partners therefore have a direct interest; in seeing that the North Sea windfall is not frittered away, but is used instead to reestab lish a strong economy which will remain viable when the oil starts to run out.

LEAPMAN IN AMERICA

Michael Shanks

The very module of a modern misconception

An occasional series on new words and new meanings. Modules are modish. The man

who lets them drop with a splash in his prose informs his audience or readers that he is Au fait with the latest cliches of modern thought. He may not convey much else, however, except, of course, esteem for his treodiness. Module is a widely and loosely adopted as a metaphor by less concrete sciences. For those of us who tend to trip over modules, here follow the principal modern uses of the word 1. In architecture a standard unit of measurement used to create proportional relationships between parts and the whole. For example, in the classical orders, the semidiameter of the column at the base of the shoft is the unit of length by

Hence, in the building industry: a length chosen as a basis for the dimensions of parts of a building (a piece of furniture, and so on) to facilitate their coordination, so that all lengths are an integral mul-tiple of it; specifically one of 4 inches (101.6 millimetres). Buildings planned in this way are described as modular Almost all building needs some form of dimensional coordination. This need becomes acute in prefabrication, for which the use of the modular

the parts are

3. Hence, still in building: one or component parts that are standardized to facilitate assembly or replacement, and are usually prefabricated as self-contained structures. 4. In estronaurics: a separate section of a spacecraft that can operate as an independent

principle is particularly appro-

unif.

5. In computerese: one of a number of distinct, well-defined units from which a computer programme may be built up, or into which any complex process or activity is analysed (usually for computer simulation), each of which is

definite relationship to the other units.

6. A unit or period of training от education. Modular is also popular in the new education iargon. For example, the Welding Institute is offering "Modular courses in welding engineering: the basic course will consist of three full-time residencial modules as shown schematically below". Below are drawn three boxes containing details of the curriculum. 7. In mathematics (hold tight) not for weak heads): originally a set that is a subset of ring and is closed under additionally tion and subtraction; now usually defined as a commutative additive group whose elements may be multiplied by those of a ring, the product being in the group and the multiplication obeying the

multiplication obeying the associative and distributive laws. Selah 8. In engineering the pitch diameter of a gear wheel in millimetres (or inches) divided by the number of tecth.

9. In printing design: a box modular (organized in little boxes) instead of linear (more flexible, less pretty). 10. In fashionable unspecialived discourse: a group, a thingum-a-jig. A recent advertisement was using meaning number 10 when it stated: "Practical in**volveme**nt managemed training is essential, and exposure to presentation of final

cial modules would be an edded advantage." Presumably financial modules equals accounts; and what is being asked for is someone by who has had experienced to the sound of the them. In The Times we hold occasional meetings between people interested in the same subject; what you could call if you were that sort of verbal hijacker, an interface of those with common parameters These meetings were originally common parameters and coyly called modules. Then, by a combination of confusion and frivolity among the hacks. they became nodules. Now they are called noodles.

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The Why, When, Where and How of Hine Cognac

Where Hine?

Hine (pronounced to rhyme with the English 'fine') comes from Jamac, at the very heart of Charente where the best Cognacs originate. From there Hine finds its way to the heart of Cognac connoisseurs around the world, because Hine has a special appeal to the connoisseur of Cognac.

Each Hine designation has its own pleasure: ** * on its own or with a mixer in convivial gatherings is available in most parts of Britain. The rarer Hine Antique and Hine OV are not so easily available. But if you seek you will find.

Hine VSOP is naturally available in all good hotels and restaurants where fine Cognacs are served. You might like to start a connoisseur's journey into the finer areas of Cognacs with Hine VSOP.

It is also available at all good wine merchants.

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said to be introducing computers which, when customers feed into them their planned dinner party menus, will print out a selection of suitable wines to accompany the food. Apart from the potential

embarrasment (what if the computer exclaims: "Yuch" as you reveal your intention to serve curried brains with cran-berry sauce?) This is a further step down a road at whose end we shall find that we no longer have to take any

puter, or rather a sophisticated fine doughnots for years withclock which times the rate you eat your food. Based on the premise that people who eat fast get fat, the machine will fast get fat, the machine relations small) with devices for per-tell you when you ought to be small) with devices for per-taking your next mouthful if forming speciate the forming special to be specially forming the state of the special special forming the special spe

gadger manufacturers will timing the boil. When his eggs wane, whether they will run out ore cooked, the pampered of ideas for machines to fulfil eater can suip off the end with of ideas for machines to fulfil functions that we never knew needed fulfilling? There is no sign of it happening so far: the non the handle. This year's Christmas catalogues are as full as ever of ingenious devices for the housewife who thinks she has everything.

Looking back, I suppose it was the electric toaster that choppers, gravers and general

Some wine merchants here are started the rot. Nobody who has a grill and a pair of hands needs an electric toaster. It saves no appreciable time, though it will, if functioning properly, prevent the occa-sional charring. Yet I imagine there are now few American homes without one. The thinking behind the

toaster is the same as that hehind an implement being beavily promoted on relevision year—the doughout maker. This is a device, rather on television as a suitable if filled with the proper batter.

Christmas gift is another computer, or rather a sonhisticated

Or take eggs. You could fill

your kitchen (we could cer-tainly fill ours, which is rather holding them, gadgets for pierthe imagination of America's building, and other gadgets for gadget manufacturers will timing the boil. When his eggs wane, whether they will run out

There are pans designed for egg poaching, or fitments to enable you to poach them in ordinary pans. There are rings for frying eggs, and even devices for separating the yolk from the white—a function best performed with the two halves of the shell. Yet all anyone really needs to cope with ezes is a saucepan, or a frying pan, and a spoon.

Ourside the kitchen, the bedroom is fertile ground for gad-getry. Among those offered this year ere a clock which projects the time on the ceiling. to save you turning to your bedside time piece to look; a television set whose screen swivels aimough 90° so you can watch it lying on your side; and a new with a lighted tip for writing in the dark (useful for film critics).

Ingentury ratine would crie it desperation) is appearent in other gift suggestions in the Christmas advertisements. How about a water jug shaped like a fish, which gurgles as you pour out the water? "A con-versaion piece at table or bur" is how the advertisement describes it but I think it more likely to leave people specialess. If they are completely overcome, you can always let them lie down in the latest style of bed, which is the latest style of bed, which is shaped like a giant gym shoe. The gift "for that special



is a paperweight shaped like a house's handquarters, "sure to bring a lough m any gen-together". Who do you know together". Who do you know who needs a brass bracelot bearing the legend. Dann, I'm for paranois, their than lack of confidence is your partper's problem, give him or her a pocket-sized bug detector, which lights up if your conversation is being transmitted or recorded.

Other neuroses may be cured by a machine giving off a reutral noise which is not in itself unpleasant but which blocks out other irritating noises. Or your irrends. You may find solace in contemplating a less complex

remedy—a high-rise equation

which allows the fish to swim up and down instead of from side to side. I am unsure what mental allment would be cured by tucking into the milk chocolate telephone which one local store is featuring this year. physical rather than psychological, you can buy your dearest (or at leat your nearest) socks with a busicing odour controller. They feature an "anti-microbial agent for lasting freshness" and prevent the harmful offers of furnish effects of fungus.

A visit to a toyshop provides the usual number of gruesome surprises. One of this year's games simulates an earth-quake, and includes sound effects of genuine earth trem-ors. For the really desperate, fast-ford chains are selling "hamburger city certificates" which can be spent on any-thing they sell. As the less imaginative girts often co, these might prove the most acceptable of all.

■ Talking about fast foods, the perennial dispute about how good (or bad) they are for you, and particularly for children, is having another air-

children away from the local fast food chains. Inevitably, though, some parents complain that to serve hamburgers encourages bad eating habits For someone whose need is in the young, as well as not giving them enough nutrition-To satisfy the latter objection, the schools will make the snack foods from nutritionally enriched ingredients, to supply

the energy needed for sports games and vandalism. They will also serve salads, which few will probably eat. The choice between giving children what they will accept and what they ought to have has never been resolved, here or any where Fast foods are blamod to many of the nation's evils, 200 in Texas they are responsible for introducing a new and fur

are stealing vats of med cooling grease from behind traurants and cafes selling them for \$30 a barrel. The grease is put outside the restaurants to be picked up by rendering firms. Ultimately it is refined and used in the York are going to begin serve soap and plastic. Some shedy ing hamburgers, pizza and the like for lunch, simply because accept the grease at cut rappils will not eat the stand-from the threves, who are said from the threves, who are said from the threves. accept the grease at cut far from the thieves, who are such to be able to make as much pupils will not entrue and to be able to make as muce at school fare, which is much to be able to make as muce like standard school fare in \$55,000 a year from the racket Good old American enterprise.

The aim is to lure the



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SPEAKING FOR WHITEHA

Whitehall has been anticipat- folder bound in red tape. At a ing the appointment of Sir lan Bancroft as Head of the Home Civil Service for at least five years. He has been groomed for the post just as Sir Frank Cooper his chief, if reluctant, ival for the job, had been prepared for the trying task of running the Ministry of Defence during a period of rundown. Their past experience was the main reason why Mr Callaghan chose last week to move Sir Ian from the Department of the Environment and to leave Sir Frank where he was:

In both cases their former patrons have done well. The country can only benefit from having two first class public servants in the jobs for which they are best suited. But Sir Ian's inheritance is a surprisingly difficult one. Since 1972, when he became Second Permanent Secretary at the CSD under Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, attacks on the Civil Service have risen to an un-precedented pitch. Internally, the staff associations have become truculent and difficult to manage. Morale has slumped at all levels.

Much of the criticism of Whitehall is misplaced. Civil servants are blamed for the shortcomings of the kind of society with which "war socialism" of the years 1939-45 left the country. Large bureau-cratic institutions were the inevitable concomitant of a welfare state and an interventionist economic strategy, the dominant charasteristics of postwar domes-

On the lowest level, the civil servant remains the butt of stage ridicule, his props the bowler hat, vin striped suit and buff

slightly more elevated level, he is the victim of the "shuddering blancmange" theory (the phrase is Mr Auberon Waugh's) which sees Whitehall as smothering freedom and enterprise, in the manner of Mr Waugh's confection, through regulation and taxation. On the most sophisticated plane, critics like the Institute of Economic Affairs assign the public servant the role of midwife and handmaiden to the corporate state. In the present climate, all three caricatures

The Civil Service needs somebody to speak in its defence. It . is no good officials expecting their ministers to protect them. Many ministers share the popu-Iar prejudices against their servants, often superimposing a self-serving one of their own which imagines civil servants as engaged in a kind of continuous coup d'état against the manifesto pledges of elected governments This view is the one formerly put with great vehemence by the late Mr Richard Crossman and much favoured these days by Mr Wedgwood Benn. Furthermore, if there is one breed held in even greater disregard by the public than the bureaucrat nowadays it is the politician.

Sir Ian must therefore overcome his longstanding dislike of personal publicity and do the job humse f. If he does not publicly protect his people as often as he can, nobody will. He must transform himself from being one of the finest establishment officers Whitehall has ever known into a statesman of the public service. His predecessor of many years ago, Sir Warren Fisher should be the model. Fisher fought tenaciously to raise the esteem in which his profession was held, believing it should be seen as the "Fourth Service", alongside the three Armed Forces.

Judged by this criterion, Six Ian has made a poor start. His first act as Head of the Civil Service-elect was to refuse to talk to the newspapers. One of the unsung virtues of Sir Douglas Allen, whom he is to succeed on January 1, was the example he set to the rest of Whitehall in being accessible to the press and in standing up, when necessary, to ministers who so often are the repressors on these occasions. The value of last summer's pledge of a greater degree of openness in govern-ment will depend a great deal on Ian overcoming his misplaced fastidiousness about pub-licity. He should remember the advice given by Stanley Baldwin to aspiring politicians: "Cancel your subscription to the cuttings agency and grow a

new skin." Sir Ian has a marvellous chance over the next five years to reform Whitehall from within and to leave the country with a better Civil Service than ever before. The CSD is already reviewing methods of recruitment and training. New ventures here could create a lasting legacy. Sir lan's profession is vital to the country's fortunes. It is a sheet anchor of the constitution and a great bulwark against change of the worst kind. It is currently undervalued on all sides. Sir Ian's first task should be to raise its self-esteem and the regard in which it is held by others. Above all, he must speak for Whitehall.

JUST AS IMPORTANT AS A STUBBS

After the sale of another batch of books last week, the dispersal John Evelyn's library has already raised more than £250,000 although the auctioneers have not vet got farther through the alphabet than the letter G. The loss of the first reat library to be established in his country on a systematic riuciple is a grave one. It had been available for study in hrist Church library, Oxford, or many years. Many of the books are in the bindings Evelyn commissioned or contain his conscript notes. Even after the eses and accretions of 300 ars, it was an irreplaceable

tness to the range of interests the greatest connoisseur of 's day, closely concerned with rience, education, dendrology, rir pollution, ploughing technofrow and the manufacture of rider. Another great collection has gone the same way this year -the non-religious books from Sion College library, which ferched £455,000 in June.

Such events create mixed feelings among scholars and collectors. The characteristic mingling of melancholy and glee can be heard in Evelyn's own comment on one of the books sold this year, which he acquired at the "rude dispersion Cardinal Mazarin's library". If no collections of antiquities were ever broken up, new ones

Commons sets

One event after another last week spread a little more despair through-out the EEC that United Kingdom

strategy is to belong to the Com-

munity the better to stop its development. Before leaving Brus-sels for Yugoslavia, Mrs Thatcher succeeded in convincing British

reporters that a Conservative government's practice of Europeanism

would be as nationalist as Mr Callaghan's Government, and no

marked change of axis or style should be expected. At home Mr David Owen, a devour Europeanist, had the wretched task of announce the style of the s

mg to the Commons that the

anti-Market pressure and table an

Assembly elections Bill blocking any

increase in the Assembly's demo-cratic powers; and Mr Ron Hav-ward, general secretary of the

Labour Party, superfluously re-peated his advice that Mr Callaghan should pur the United Kingdom's

domestic election before any Euro-

pean election, for all the world as

though he does not know other members of the Nine have their

own election dates to keep.
This week's events will be no more inspiring. Mr Callaghan and Dr Owen will be in Brussels for a

summit meeting facing a curt demand that if the United Kingdom caunot meet the deadline of Mav-

June next year for European direct elections, then let it propose a revised date it could stick on. That will be Mr Callaghan's eve blendly

to explain that a truly democratic government may propose but West-

minster will dispose; and he will to doubt add that, for all his best endesyours, these high questions

carmor be rushed to a settlement

with any certainty on a date.

Of all these events, nothing strikes me as less becoming than

Westminster's reflex support for the

proposition that a democratically elected parliament cannot be risked for the Nine unless it is first made important. The title of the Bill before

the Commons is itself a relliale sop

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David Wood

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could never be made. But some collections are so valuable, either as part of a national heritage or as convenient assemblies of papers on a particular topic, that they should never be allowed to be scattered. allowed to be scattered. Evelyn's books deserved saving on both counts, the Sion College ones on the first if not the second. In spite of the efforts which the British Library may be presumed to have made in the saleroom (at no small expense to the taxpayer), many of the finest items in both collections will certainly leave the country for ever.

The former owners of the books share the general regret, but insist that they were faced by necessity. The Evelyn trustees were constrained by an unforeseen accident of inheritance and by capital gains tax on sell off the entire printed library (the manuscripts, including the famous diary, are to be left at Christ Church only "as long as possible", and against the auctioneers' advice). Sion College needed to raise money for its expenses, and after an appeal to the City failed to raise enough, in spite of a generous response, it turned to its library.

It is not fully clear that the owners exhausted every possible alternative in either case. Sion College gave too little advance notice of what it had in mind. and the Evelyn trustees seem to

to the ruling anti-Europeanist

the EEC Treaty gave the nominated European chamber power to adopt its own rules of procedure, and

under that article the assembly

resolved that its name should be charged first to "European Parliament". Perhaps delegates of the day from national

parliaments assumed too much. Perhaps out of netural venity they

were trying to add a cubit to their stature. although the name assembly is respectable enough with the French. Yet the choice of title for the Westminster Bill still stands as an expression of contract dispersed against a girl.

contempt directed against a rival

democratic chamber. It warned that nominated delegations should remember their place, and that their place would not after simply because European package errarions

had been directly elected by half

It is in that spirit that many

members of both main parties at

questionable sovereignty of

democratic chamber in

Westminster show anxiety that they

are more concerned to preserve

national parliaments than to create

Europe with genuine parliamentary powers. Indeed, the Government

and its listless supporters for the

Bill simultaneously deny to the European Parliament some powers

that they are willing in absentia to

concede to a devolved assembly in Edinburgh. Democracy is not

for export, now the Westminster

model has catastrophically failed across so much of the old empire-

My own hope is that the Eight will not take it too bard when Dr

Owen drafts his amendment futilely

attempting to limit the develop-

ment of the European Parliament's

powers. Exactly what those powers

are today makes too long a story

advice is that those MPs who lack

corrective European experience

should enuip themselves with a

new booklet. Powers of the European Parliament, from the London

Parliament. Suffice it now to say that the Parliament's powers are

concentrated on legislative pro-posals from the Commission, a

weak control over about 30 per cent

of the Community budget, with the right to reject the whole budget, and the witmere deterrent of dis-

missing the Commission en bloc.

with no guarantee that untional

governments will not recopoint

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a short article, and the best

a million votes.

Why "assembly"? Article 142 of

sentiment.

have rejected an offer by Christ Church to maintain the library because they would still have felt obliged to bear the cost of insurance (if the law requires a treasure to be broken up by creating an obligation to insure the irreplaceable, the law is an ass indeed). Would-be rescuers had to compete with many similar outcries this year, and a library is less spectacular than a Mentmore and less appealing than a George Stubbs.

There is every prospect of many more outcries to come. The main culprits are not the owners but the public policies which in most cases compel them to act as they do. Public policy is not to blame (in any immediate way, at least) for the growth of the arts investment market which has so greatly increased the temptations and com plexities of ownership. Capital gains tax and capital transfer tax are another matter. But policy is plainly failing to take account of the realities if as many precious things are lost or nearly lost in one year as we have seen in 1977. It is time for the closest possible reappraisal of the whole impact of taxation in this field, of the arrangements for accepting treasures in lieu of tax, and of the resources available to the state to buy paintings, libraries and houses when all other efforts to save them have failed.

the same Commission before the ink on dismissal notices is dry. As pretended parliamentary powers go, they are not yet impressive. But much as it is possible to claim too much for powers of national parliaments, so it is possible to claim too little for the European Parliament. Westminster's own history lies open for our instruction. Parliaments, or if you like assemblies, inevitably grow in sway once democracy takes over; and there will be no way of stopping the growth of the European Parlia-ment's powers after direct elections,

by the insistence of anti-Market men at Westminster that a specific Bill amending the Rome Treaty or the accession treaty must be passed in the United Kingdom Parliament. Consider some of the factors. First, the directly elected European MPs the directly elected European MPs will have half a million voters or thereabouts they are answerable to, although not even the Conservative Party, which is most advanced in its headquarters electoral arrangements, yet knows how that answer-ability will be contrived. Second, the European MPs, like Westminster

MPs, will have been elected on a party manifesto. Third, the European MPs will be in on a fixed five-year term that will remove some national pre-occupations from their thinking. Fourth, already within the European Parliament one sees the growth of constitutional conventions, which is to say without any changes in treaties an understanding develors that relationships between Council of Ministers and the Com-mission should flexibly move in a

given direction. Fifth, there are human factors that are never nulmnortant in parliamentary growth. They help to explain the organic development of all democratic parliaments, as the European Parliament itself has illustrated, particularly since Peter irk led the first United Kingdom delegation to Strasbourg in 1973, and since Roy Jenkins, as Commission president, said last January that he and his college of commissioners would treat the nominated Parliament as though it were already directly elected. In human nature, Council and Commission will always prefer to have friends to deal with and will want support against national parliaments, and if they do not find it in one place they will look for it in Europe and bend treaties and strict constitutional conventions to ensure it. Parliament-ary democracy, like water, finds its own level, and nobody in the end

can alter the rules.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

for Ulster

From Sir Patrick Macrory Sir, As the man who, it seems, has unintentionally given his name to "the Macrory gap", mentioned in your leading article of November 21, may I briefly but warmly endorse the views expressed by Dr David Morrison (December 1).

I hope that no one will think for ent that my colleagues and I on the Northern Ireland Local Government Review Body deliberately set out to create this now notorious "gap". What we recommended was the transfer of responsibility for the major local responsibility for the major local government services from one set of elected bodies, the county and county borough councils, to another elected body, the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland—
"Stormont". If we could have foreseen in 1970 that the seconds had the seen in 1970 that no sooner had the councils been dismantled that Stormost itself would disappear, I am sure that our recommendations would have been very different.

Dr Morrison asks for the estab-lishment without delay of an elected regional authority to assume respon-sibility for such major local government services as health and education. So do I. So, for a long eincation. So de I. So, for a long time now, has that sensible and moderate body, the New Ulster Movement. So, if I am rightly informed, do Mr Molyueaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionists at Westminster; Mr Harry West, the leader of the Unionist Party in leader of the Unionist Party in Ulster; and Mr Airey Neave, the Conservative Party's spokesman on Northern Ireland affairs. So. I am sure, do the great majority of Ulster citizens, who are paying substantial rates towards the cost of services over which they now have no local democratic control whatever and graph in this record. who, in this regard, are therefore effectively subject to taxation without representation, which we learnt and mathers' knees was a Bad Thing. Elected representatives sorely needed to play the gad fly and to penetrate that curtain of procrastination and evasion which descends when faceless bureaucrats

are left in unfettered control. I am all for the final goal at which the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland says that he is aiming, "devolution of real powers in Northern Ireland ... an interim step towards devolution of the legislative assembly and the whole of the range of powers". But in the face of all the arguments for the speedy restoration of democratic control over local government in Northern Ireland, it really is not good enough to say, as Mr Mason said in the House of Commons on November 24: "No I do not think that would be right because that would frustrate the efforts all the nation, and my officials are embastic. narties and my officials are embark-

ma nbou... The long suffering citizens of Northern Ireland deserve a better and more convincing answer than

Yours sincerely. PATRICK MACRORY. The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.

The Palestinian issue

From Mr P. Levy-Menord Sir, One of the hallmarks of a statesman, of a de Gaulle, a Ben-Gurion, a Sadat, is the shilir to eat his words—a very wholesome diet as another of their number, Churchill, once said—when the situation demands it. If concessions on the West Bauk are necessary for veace, it is to be hoped that Mr Begin can bring himself to make them. There are grounds for optimism.

Firstly, the Likud has already recon-

ciled itself to the loss of that part of historic Palestine which became Transjordan and, later, part of Jordan. Secondly, there appears to be a majority in the Kness territorial compromise on the West Bank. Thirdly, if the compromise on the West Bank is made in the form of a Confederation of Israel and ishmael, words need not be eaten at all, as Messre Maccoby and Frankl make clear. Indeed, one could go further than they do: ukimately the confederation could include Jordan

as well. It is further to be hoped that Mr Sadar's momentum for peace is sustained by positive action or, at least, words on the part of the Likud Government, especially in respect of the Palestinians. It should be made clear to Mr Begin during his visit to Britain that the supporters of the Gush Emunim form only a tiny minority of Diaspora Jews. A sovereign state of Israel reconciled with (rather than in) the Palestinians, whether in a confederation or in another scheme, is as good a definition of the territorial com-ponent of Zionism as could be Yours faithfully,

P. LEVY-MENARD, 23 Fitzwarren Gardens, N19.

From Mr Andrew Cruickshank

Sir, I hope I am not alone in thinking that the response of the church (all churches) to the Egyptian-Israeli move has been minimal and immentable I can understand poli-ticians, journalists, Marxists, ideolo-

gists of all kinds treating the move with scepticism. But that Christiapity through its churches should not recognize a movement that has in it something of the most profound reaching of the New Testament is puzzling. Have we all become so ngendered with cynicism and hate that we cannot recognize a movement from any other direction? Yours faithfully,

ANDREW CRUICKSHANK, 33 Carlisle Mansions, Carlisle Place, SW1.

The Lord's Prayer

From the Reverend Paul M. Lloyd Sir, May I suggest one major reason in favour of the modernization of the Lord's Prayer? Ir jobs one into a fresh understanding of the words' original impact after so many cen-turies of soporific repetition. This reason is also intrinsic to most of the revised Liturgy. Now, if ever, it is high time to awake out of sleep! I am, Sir, yours faithfully, PAUL M. LLOYD, The Vicarage, Ringmer,

Interim devolution Curbing the sale of pornography

Sir, I read with great interest in The Times on November 24 the article by Ronald Butt about pornography. I share his concern. There is, of course, much that can be done by the police under existing law, imperfect though it is, to combat harmful obscenity. For example, between January 1 and November 20 this year, officers of my 14 squads set up at divisional level to deal with such matters as prostitution, pornography, licensing and gaming have carried out 264 raids on bookshops, other shops, stalls and warehouses in Greater Manchester. Approximately 160,500 articles (books, magazines and films) alleged to be posnographic or obscene have been selzed from retailers and distributions and appropriate actions taken tors and appropriate actions taken tors and appropriate actions taken under Sections 2 and 3 of the Obscene Publications Act, 1959. The total retail face value of the material was £211,500. In one police division 38 raids on 13 bookshops specializing in pornographic material resulted in their complete closure.

Judged by the correspondence I have received about this, I am confident that police action in Greater fident that police action in Greater Manchester has the unqualified support of the large majority of the support of the large majority of the public, but the relative obscurity of obscenity legislation involving censorship and ethics has not gone unnoticed. There are, indeed, many who challenge my right to interpret the law to their apparent disadvantage and I have been publicly criticized by persons who clearly do not approve of the manner in which I choose to exercise my discretion to enforce the law. In particular, I have been disparaged for taking positive action in the problematical field of licensing pornography and vice. Astonishingly, there are some, it seems, who openly hanker for total debauchery and lewdness, and resent any legal action by police to maintain decent standards. There are others who are at pains to tell me what I should or should not do in the matter of law enforcement.

It is hard to convince some doubting Thomases of the imparriality and interrity of the police and ulterior motives are wrongly attributed to us. It will be disastrous if over the dear arrives when a chief

From the Chief Constable of Greater independently and politically untrammelled under the law, is directed on the one hand, against his will and professional judgment. enforce particular laws in a certain way and, on the other hand, prevented by improper influence or insidious pressure of one kind or another from discharging his lawful

If the law puts upon the police the responsibility for exercising a wholly subjective judgment on aspects of human behaviour and attitude, then people should not complain too readily if police action does not always accord with their contracts and always accord with their contracts. views or what they would like to see. I am glad that the law relating to obscenity is under scrutiny. My one hope is that it will be strengthened in such a way that our chances of maintaining proper standards of decency will be decidely better not worse. Yours faithfully.

C. J. ANDERTON, Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police, Southmill Street,

From Mrs V. F. Ruder Sir, Before the usual anti-White-house lobby rushes in, I would like to echo that lady's surprise at the apparent brushing aside by Mr Merlyn Rees of the problem of

Merlyn Rees of the problem of child pornography.

Two recent BBC programmes (in "Tonight") were very explicit about it, without being in the least sensational. One, in which photographers and models who took and proceed for indeed to duty horozone. praphers and models and dulkly photo-posed for indecent (adulkly photo-graphs were interviewed, was ex-tremely chilling by reason of their total lack of feeling. The other, about child pornography, was very disturbing, and (in the case of in-

terviewed parents) distressing.

Mr Rees must have little time for watching TV, but no doubt the BBC would arrange a private showing of these programmes for him if he is really ignorant about what is going on. Yours faithfully,

v. f. Ryder, Dorey Cottage, High Street, Berkshire.

Government pay policy From Mr A. J. Brand

if ever the day arrives when a chief constable, presently able to act

Sir, It is too late to prevent the firemen's strike; we can only hope that an early settlement may be found. Meanwhile, an analysis of the underlying cause would. I suggest, be very worthwhile, if only to serve as a reminder of the need to avoid similar problems in other comparable industries and hopefully, as a pointer to the way in which we might do this.

Put very briefly, the fact is that successive governments have paid little heed to the pay of firemen, policemen, nurses and almost all public sector in normal times. When the going gets rough however, there is apparently no hesitation on the part of the government to exert its authority as paymaster (for example, in the case of nurses and other health service staff) or its considerable influence (upon local authorities in the case of firemen. etc) to ensure that its guidelines are strictly adhered to. I do not believe. however, that this restraint, distasteful though it undoubtedly is, lies at the root cause of the problem.

What really irks such grouns of workers is the complete inability of the Government to make their policy stick in the private sector. Not only was it abundantly clear during phases one and two of the pay policy

that the guidelines were being disregarded in countless cases, but there is mounting evidence that the current policies are being overrly flouted in private industry and commerce. Wage settlements in the region of 15 and 20 per cent bogus productivity deals, spurious job regrading more lucrative perks of every kind are the order of the day it seems.

And as if to make matters worse,

in at least one well known case, the firm apparently enjoys immunity from direct Government control in the matter of wage negotiation, at the same time relying on massive-injections of tax payers' money to keen it in husiness. I refer, of course, to British Leyland and I have no doubt there are other examples. Is it really so surprising that public sector workers are discontented?

The time has surely come for the Government (and indeed the whole country) to face up to this issue. Put in its most simple terms, we either have an incomes policy of some kind or we don't. The present arrangement is neither one thing nor the other: it is manifestly unjust and reflects credit of the one least of all the Government. Yours faithfully. A. J. BRAND.

3 Merricks Close.

Worcestershire December 2.

European elections

From Mr Andrew Phillips Sin, On Manday of r this week (November 28) appeared on your lender page an article by David Wood and a letter by Francis Pym, MP, which might have been tailor made, so well did they lay elections debacle at the door of the Government, without putting

so much as a finer on the conduct of the Tory leadership.

But however much Mr Pvm continues to ignore the fundamental importance of the sectem of direct elections, and however much Mr Wood half instifies Mrs Thatcher's total proposition to electoral reform. the justice of the matter will not

Mr Pym complained that "the voting swetern proposed is itself controversial." Can be ready be so blind to the importance of the issue as to pretend ther elections by our antique system will not be even more controversia? It is tragic that my late concent. Sir Peter Kirk, MP—an emir-nt leader of the Tory group in Europe—is not still alive to impress upon Mr

Pym the fundamental importance of having fair elections. of having rair elections.

And is it not about time that the political calculators like Mr Wood divinguished major from minor and realized that it is up to the British electorate under a fair voting system to decide what composition of representation they want in Brussels (or at Westminster for that matter). I do not think it is for the journalists or MPs to eliminate the options of the elec-

However badly the Government is behaved on direct elections and it has we are where we are. And where we are is at the point where there is some hone of getting fair elections, and elections on time, only by a proportional system. I would have thought that a cood European would put the above narrow party interest. Yours truly, ANDREW PHILLIPS,

Prospective Liber Parliamentary Candidate for Saffron Walden, 89 Pradford Street Bocking, Braintree,

Not for sale

From Mrs J. R. Dutton Sir, Bernard Levin's article on the vice anglais (November 23) ought to be made compulsory reading for all directors (public and private), managers, and shopkeepers in Eng-

I moved several years ago from the United States to a small town north of London. In the process of setting up house I had cause to call in at many local merchants for various goods and services, and I was areazed by the off-reneated "No. there's no call for it", "No, we don't keep it", "No, we don't do it". This was usually the end of the conversation: I was offered limbe or no information to help me obtain what I wanted. In the rare case that eood will was shown, my gratitude brought me back to the shop laterto buy something which they did sell. This give and take seems such an obvious principle of running a successful business that I can only marvel that it basn's been more widely adopted in this country.

This lack of enterprise and competitireness extended even to basic commodities. It rook repeated visits to the basic-re near my house before I realized there was apparently no call for bread after 2.00 pm. The

surrounded by empty shelves, would look up from her disdain I felt) whenever I asked for bread at such an hour. And at one of the town's larger supermarkers, there was obviously no call for milk after 4.00 pm, a good two hours before closing time, because, consistently, there were only empry aping shelves where the milk sould have been. The assistants, when asked why there wasn't any, always enlightened me with. "Sold out, luy". (Translation: we're out because we're out.) I drew the conclusion that I was the only person asking for bread and milk at those hours: otherwise, more would have heen stocked, more sold, and therefore more profit made—an opportunity on businessman would miss . would he?

Here, in London, the situation is a little hetter because many businesses are run by foreigners. But the rddle still puzzles me: if not for money then why does this nation of shopkeepers keen shop? Perhaps because they are lovers of privacy and nesce. What better n'ace 'l an behind a quiet till. Yours sincerely. J. R. DUTTON, 41 Creditor Hill, NW6.

November 25

The law for those living together

Sir, The Court of Appeal has now decided that under the Domestic Proceedings and Matrimonial Violence Act 1976 people living as man and wife in the same household may obtain injunctions excluding one of them from the property if violence has occurred between them
-notwithstanding that the person excluded is the tenant or owner of

the property.

Many questions now arise, some of which follow:—

(1) There is no legal process for dissolving cohabitation—which itself is not a legal status. Prior to the 1976 Act the owner or tenant of property who had invited a cohabitee to live with them, could ask him or her to leave—and if they refused could use reasonable force to exclude them as a trespasser. Such

exclude them as a trespasser. Such action now presumably exposes them to an injunction as a result of which they will be excluded and the "trespasser" left in possession.

(2) If the 1976 Act merely operates against the right to use force, are we now to see a rash of cases where the owner or tenant waits for a convenient opportunity. waits for a convenient opportunity to change the locks and lock out the cohabitee when they are out of the house? Is there to be a rash of possession cases—becoming, for practical purposes, the cohabitee's gravivalent of divorce? practical purposes, the consister's equivalent of divorce? What happens if such proceedings are brought against a person who has already obtained an injunction?

(3) Where an injunction has been granted, what status and rights exist between the former cohabitee.

in possession as a result, and the landlord of tenanted property or the mortgagee of owned property?
Must one now enquire of vendors if they are living with someone, or have been living with someone who may apply for or obtain an injunction? If the property contains goods on hire purchase to the excluded tenant or owner, what is the status of an obligation under the hiratus. of an obligation under the hire purchase agreement that the goods remain in his possession? Who is responsible for races? Does the granting of the injunction confer on the cohabitee the right to consume electricity water races. electricity, water, gas and to use the telephone, and at whose cost? (4) Where the excluded tenant or owner is still married or in the

throes of divorce (as often is the case) how does the cohabitee in possession under an injunction stand against a spouse who may have rights in matrimonial proceedings against the property. Is one to be involved in proceedings against the

other?

(5) How do the personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy of a deceased or insolvent person stand against a former cohabitee in possession under an infunction?

Lord Justice Goff has acknowledged that hard cases make bad law. Unless Parliament wishes to see a massive addition to the see a massive addition to the existing flow of litization, it must, if it wishes to provide for the hard cases, do rather more than it has so far to cope with the potential Yours faithfully

DAVID GREEN, Rhyd yr Harding. Castle Morris. Near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. November 29.

Ouestioning the preacher From Mrs Walter Prideaux

Sir. Like your correspondent Mr Sir, Like your correspondent Mr Hare (November 22) I should welcome further opportunities in the Church of England for members of the lairy to take part in the sermon, and my personal belief is that the Holy Spirit is just as likely to speak through a member congregation as through the

official preacher.

However I feel it would be important to ensure that this form of rwo-way sermou should not take place every week, probably once a month would be often enough. The preacher on these occasions would restrict his part to a very few minutes, after which there would be a (strictly limited) period of time for comments, questions and discussion. (If the strictly limited) discussion. (If the discussion were all that vital it could be carried on in the porch after the service or on the way home!) It would also be important that the preacher should feel no sense of failure is should feel no sense of failure if his answer to a question were simply "I don't know".

Last, but not least, some way would have to be devised to politely prevent any member of the congregation from mannolizing the conversation, otherwise the Church might well find itself saddled with something infinitely more boring than any ordinary sermon! Yes, Mr Hare, let's experiment from time to time, but not too often. Thank God that he does often speak clearly and unmis-takably to the true listener through the priest's sermon. Such sermons must not be cheapened or interripted by comments and discussion; they can be followed by one thing only, the thing to which they are designed to lead—by meditatation and nearer.

ANNE PRIDEAUX. Saykers. Rusner, Horsham West Sussex.

And a partridge From Mr David Gentleman

Sir. As the designer of this year's Christmas stamps, I am pleased that Mr Nicholas King (letter, December 3) likes them, but I am puzzled why he should think the lords, ladies, pipers and drummers appear in the wrong order. Many versions of the rhyme exist. The one I used (twelve lords a leaping, eleven ladies dancing, ten pipers piping, nine drummers drumming) is not only the earliest version recorded in Mirth without Mischief, about 1780; it is also the version given by Lina Eckenstein in 1906, and by Jona and Peter Opie in the Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes in 1951. On a less scholarly plane, this same version appears in my small daughters' Easiest Tune Book of Christmus Carols. Yours faithfully. DAVID GENTLEMAN,

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 3: The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Mr Richard Davies, arrived at Eastleigh this evening from Jamaica in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE

December 3: The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor, today presided at the ceremony for the Conferment of Higher Degrees at the University of Surrey. Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Queen has agreed that Victor Frederick William Cavendish-Bentinck and Venetia Barbara Cavendish-Bentinck shall enjoy tre same title and precedence as the son and daughter of a dake the son and daugner of a duke which would have been due to tern had their father, William George Frederick Cavendish-Ecutinck, survived his kinsman, William Arthur Henry, Duke of Portland, and succeeded to the title of Duke of Portland.

Birthdays today

Lord Chalfon, 58: Sir William Downward, 65; Miss Emid M. Eleme, 71: Major-Ecnetal IJ. R. B. Feote. VC. 73: the Earl of Longford, 72; Lord Nathan, 53; Lord Rotherwick, 65: Dame Mary Smieton, 75.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Professor A. J. Buller, Professor of Physiology and Dean of the Fatulty of Medicine at Bristol University, to be chief scientist to the Department of Health and Social Security in succession to Sir Douglas Black, Brigadier G. A. Hardy to be Reper of the map room at the Royal Geographical Society in succession to Brigadier R. A. Gredhor

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester attends The Duke of Gloucester attends reception given by the Royal Warrant Holders' Association, Goldsmiths' Hall. 6.20.
The Duchest of Kem, President of the Royal Smithfield Club, visits Royal Smithfield Show, Earls Court, 3.
Exclibition: Venezuelan stamps, Gibbnes Gallery, 399 Strand, 9.45-4-45. Royal cartoon exhibition: Press Club, Sico Lone, 12-7. Exhibition: Christmas prints fair. Victoria and Albert Museum,

Brussels tapestry makes £17,033 in New York sale

Ey Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Sale Room Correspondent
Tapestries provided the highlight
of the first part of a Sotheby
Parke Bernet sale of furniture and
decorations in New York on Friday
which totalled £195,181, with 16
lots unsold. A late seventeenthcentury Brussels tapestry illustrating "The Wars of Vesnasian".
1650uring some 12ft by 17ft. made
\$31,000 (estimate \$10,000 to
\$15,000 or 127,033.

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A millefleurs tapestry of the late fifteenth or early sixteenth control, 11st by 7st, was sold for 530.000 testimate \$8,000 to \$12,000 or £16,4\$3, to a London dealer. The whole area is densely The whole area is densely embroidered with flowers, without the usual addition of figures or enimals. A mid-seventeenth cen-tury historical tenestry (8ft by 11ft) depicting nobles arriving at a nury, made \$17,000 testimate \$4,000 to \$5,000) or £9,341. S4,000 to \$5,000 or £9,341.

The most important taxestry, dafing from about 1520 and depicting the Emperor Tiberius curronnded by figures and countiers, had been withdrawn from the sale before the auction. Nevertheless, the 29 tapestries (167,400) or £10,660.

°50,000 winner The weekly £50,000 Premium Sivings Bond prize, announced on

Naturday, was won by 4 WT 171781. The winner lives in Essex. The 25 £1,000 winners are: BN 860107 Br 452389 DZ 650505 LL 297217

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The R.v. B. Garrier, Rectof of Danbury, to be Rural Dian of Chelinstord.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. J. Chisweli and Miss A. O. Hamilton The engagement is unnounce between Nicholas, only son of Mr netween victorias, only son or Mr and Mrs J. N. Chiswell, of Giles-travers Close. Thorpe, Surrey, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Hamilton, of Harpsden, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr S. H. Devonshire and Miss J. Francis

The engagement is announced between Stephen Harvey, son of Mrs P. Devonshire and the late Mr P. W. Devonshire, of Windsor, and Julia. daughter of Group Captain and Mrs L. E. Francis, of Paris.

Dr C. T. Pease and Miss B. M. Richards and Miss B. M. Richards
The engagement is announced
between Colin, younger son of
Dr and Mrs John C. Pease, of
Edenmont, Crownill Drive, Mansfleid, Nortinghanshire, and
Belinda, youngest daughter of
Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs
R. R. Richards, of Wolverton
Rouse, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P. Richardson and Miss S. Nightingale

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs I. W. Richardson, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Shenagh, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. Nightingale, of Cuckibild, Sussex.

Marriages

and Muss 1. V. Meyer
The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, between Mr David Peter Murdoch, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Murdoch, of 2 Inverness Mews, W2, and Miss Tessa Violet Meyer, younger daughter of Sir Authony and Lady Meyer, of 9 Cottage Place, SW3. The Rev Roger Symon officiated.

Piace, SW3. The Rev Roger Symon officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white silk chiffon and a vell held in place by sprays of stephanoris. She carried a bouquet of Eucharist lilies, lilies, of the valley and stephanotis. Robert and David Sands, Sophie Meyer and Miss Sally Meyer (sister of the bride) attended her. Mr Michael Varvill was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. J. Day and Miss S. M. Poweli

and Miss S. M. Powell
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster between Mr Richard John Day, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Day, of Stoneleigh, Wrawby, South Humberside, and Miss Susan Mary Powell, elder daughter of Mr J. Enoch Powell, MP, and Mrs Powell, of South Eaton Place, SW1. The Rev D. B. Tillyer officiated

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The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white crepe and Guipure lace and carried a bouquet of Jilles-of-the-valley and freeslas. Miss lennifer Powell (sister of the bride) and Miss Susan Herald attended her. Mr John Jacklin was best man.

A recention was held at the House of Commons and the honeymon will be spent in the West Country.

Captain R. R. Horne and Miss C. E. Orr

and Miss C. E. Orr
The marriage took place on Thursday, December 1, at Hely Trinity, Bromptun, of Captain Rearr Horne, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, ordy son of Lieutemant-Colonel and Mrs R. D. Horne, and Miss Charlotte Orr, younger doughter of Mr R. Edmund Orr and the late Mrs Orr. The Eishop of Connor, the Right Rev Arthur Butler, officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Joanna Birmingham, Miss Amanda Groves, Miss Frances McCulloch, Miss Barbara Trimingham and Guy and Dan Goldard-Watts. Captain John Shaeples was best man. A guard Shocoles was best man. A guard Callaghan were hosts at a of himour was formed by warrant of icers and non-commissioned officers of the bridegroom's region. The prime Minister of Israel Mrs. Region The other

ment.
A reception was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

the first time that the bloodbath in which Czechoslovakia has been immersed since the Communist coup d'état of February, 1945, has

overwhelmed prominent members

of the Communist Party.

They have gone the same way as hundreds of prominent and not so prominent members of other political parties, and the unusual speed with which the execution-

been carried out suggests

of the Communist Party.

Mrs Begin. The other guests were:

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Nidron, Mr Ephralm Lyvan, Mr and Mrs
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Di Liven, Mr and Mrs Brigan,
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Mr Harold Wilson, MP, and Mrs Boshin
Law Melchett, Lord and Law Wilson,
Mr Harold Mrs Davies,
Mr Harold Mrs Mrs Heffer, Mr
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Ponn and Lady Hund, Mr and Mrs Honald
Haward, Mr and Mrs Honald 25 years ago From The Times of Thursday, Dec 4, 1952 From Our Own Correspondent From Our Own Correspondent Vienns, Dec 3.—It was announced in Prague today that the eleven Communist leaders [including Rudolf Slansky] who were sentenced to death last week for high treason, esplonage and economic subotage have been hanged.

The death of these men marks the first size that the bloodhath

European Commission research grants

in east Europe.

held at 10 Downing Street on Saturday evening in honour of the Prime Minister of Israel and Mrs Begin. The other guests

Miss Joanna Nash during a 12-hour vigil in

The European Commission has approved 19 British research projects for new aid totalling £346,831. They include: £346,831. They include:
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Languer to the Lang have been carried out suggests that the powers that still be are not feeling either happy or secure, and that there are more purges to come. There are of course a considerable number of rather lesser Communist fry already under arrest, and many of them gave evidence against the 14 who stord in the dock last week. research into linear programme methods in the field of Energy Modelinabous in the field of Library Studentina, in the line of Library Studentina, librariory), development Librariory, development Librariory), development for librariory), development for librariory, development for librariory, development for librariory, development for librariory, developments, librariory, librariory

Science report Nuclear energy: Fuel breeding

The provision of energy supplies for the tuture is a problem that has no easy solution; but it is clear that decisions on the question must be made soon. Many alternatives have been proposed but no obvious answers have energed. One of the chief diffi-culties is that the use of nuclear fuel, which is the preferable option from energy considerations, option from energy considerations, raises environmental problems that many regard as insuperable. A possible way out is proposed in this week'r is as it Nature, in which Dr John Davies, of Birmingham University, points out a way of using nuclear reactors that may lessen their Impact on the environment.

environment.
Nuclear reactors have been in Nuclear reactors have been in operation for many years; so why are objections being raised along about their use in the future? The difficulty is that present reactors are thermal reactors, which burn an isotope of uranium called U-235 — and there is very lattle U-235. Uranium is mostly in the form of the lagrange U-235. the form of the isotope U-23s, which cannot be used as fuel in a reactor. Only one part in 140 of uranium is the isotope U-235 and if that is considered as the only source of fuel then nuclear energy is a non-starter. The energy reserves of U-235 are only a fifth of the energy reserves of

oil.
Although U-235 cannot be used atthough 0-23 cannot be died directly it can be converted into plutonium. Reactors con be run with plutonium, and that option increases the energy reserves of urmium by a factor of 100. But there are well known objections to that solution. It is necessary to

use fast neutrons to convert the U-228 to plutonium in a "fast-breader" reactor, which involves unproved technology with serious separate the plutonium from speat fuel elements, a process that is expensive and dangerous, and plutonium poses a further threat because it could be diverted by the process and process and plutonium poses a further threat because it could be diverted by the process and plutonium and the process and process are process and process are process and process are process and process are process and process and process and process are process and process and process and process and process are process and process are process and process and process are process and proces by terrorist organizations and made into nuclear weapons. Plutonium does not exist naturally and many of the ob-

jections to a nuclear energy pro-gramme arise from the methous of producing it. But there is an alternative fuel. Uranium-233 can also be used in a thermal reactor as a nuclear fuel. This isotope dues not occur naturally but can be produced from thorium; there are immense reserves of thornen in the world.

Why is that alternative preferable to the use of platonium? Therium can be converted to U-223 by slow neutrons and so a e-alony sow neutrons and so a past-breeder reactor is not re-quired at elf. If a thermal reactor barriang U-233 to surrounded by a blanket of thorum the blanket will gradually be converted into will gradually be converted into U-232; the reactor will breed its own fuel. Thermal reactors are established devices, as opposed to Isst-breeder reactors, and we know what can be achieved with them. In particular the best of them fave a well-established actety record. Operating on a flortlem-unnium cycle the Canadian Candu reactors would be cante to breed 32 per cent of the able to breed 92 per cent of the tuel they use.

Dr Davies points out that if a way can be found to supply the

additional S per cent of fuel then that may be a viable alternative to fust-breeder reactors and plu-toolum. And he proposes a sale and cheap method of producing the extra fuel, without the use of

the extra fuel, without the use of reactors.

A source of neutrons is required. In the past, reactors have been used for research work that requires a source of neutrons, but those reactors are being replaced with high-energy particle accelerators, which can produce large quantities of neutrons.

Such accelerators have an impressive record of exceeding their design specifications while being built within their estimated time scales and budgets. To consider using accelerators as a source of neutrons for breeding nuclear fuel involves a small extension of existing successful techniques. If that were done, the thorium-uranium ing successful techniques. If that were done, the thorium-uranium cycle in thermal reactors would become a scrious contender to a plutonium economy. Nuclear chergy without irs drawbacks may become a possibility.

At present that is just a suggestion and much detailed work needs to be done before it can be considered as a viable alternative. It should certainly be investigated further.

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Nature, Vol 270, p 376;

ONature-Times News Service, 1977. Nature, the international science journal, is published weekly in Lundon by Macmillan Journals

Rise of evangelicals brings liberal challenge

One of the ascendant stars in tenuous. the religious firmament is the conservative evangelical movement, known on the other side of the Atlantic as Fundamental-ism. The last election to the General Synod of the Church of England increased evangelical strength there, and evangelicals claim that at least half the present number of ordinands in training for the Church of Eng-

suasion. At the same time, and directly traceable to the leadership of the Rev John Stott, of All Saints, Langham Place, London. the evangelical movement has been attending to its credentials. The congress at Nottingham this year signalled a shift towards greater social and political awareness, greater understanding of other schools of churchmanship, and more concern with the intellectual underpinning of evangelical

land ministry are of their per-

By Clifford Longley

only to its integrity but to its right to be called Christian, a book which has just been written by Professor James Barr.

After a thorough study of the movement, its leaders, and its literature he accuses it of exceptions. literature he accuses it of exclusiveness, shallowness, rigidity and dishonesty. In short, its

By Clifford Longley doctrinal position is "com-Religious Affairs Correspondent pletely wrong", and its place One of the ascendant stars in within Christianity is therefore

Professor Barr, described in a review of his book in the Churchman as "one of the most penerating minds at work in hiblical study in Britain today", regards the attraction of the fundamentalist-conserva-tive evangelical position as being of psychological rather than of religious origin, the therefore a charge that can be same mechanism that makes other allegedly sectarian groups a haven for those who need to feel different from, and better than, the average person.

To some extent his case is verifiable by the reception his arguments receive: if he is met calmly at his own level, he may have misjudged the evangelical temper completely, whereas if he is hysterically excoriated, he would be entitled to say "I told you so".

Churchman being an evangeli-

cal journal, and the tone or its review being moderate, it would faith.

The movement is therefore in a buoyant mood to face one of the most serious challenges, not the most serious challenges, not some cases. Professor Barr was criticized in the Church Times for having ignored Mr Stott and his influence, and it tellingly quoted some of Mr Stott's words about the movement.
"They must acknowledge

with shame that their treat-ment of Scripture seldom coincides with their view of it. They are much better at asserting its authority than they are at wrestling with its interpretation. They are some times slovenly sometimes simplistic sometimes highly

selective and sometimes downright dishonest." Mr Stott was not shot for saying so; indeed, he continues to be adulated as the high priest of the evangelical party. Refusal to be self-critical is not made to stick.

Whatever criticisms can be demonstrated against evangelicalism as a magnet and haven for the insecure at the grass-roors level, Professor Barr's attack on biblical fundamenta-lism does rebound to some extent against his own position
of liberal biblical scholarship.
For scepticism about the
reliability of Scripture as "a
sure and certain guide" invites
the question: if religious faith
is to be usable rather than
purely academic, on what then cua one rely to give a sufficient

degree of certainty?

In other words: is liberal
Anglican theology sawing
through the branch on which it
is sitting, thereby committing
intellectual suicide in the name of intellectual honesty? He turns the heat on to the evangelical treatment of Scripture, winning many points in the doing of it, but opens himself to this riposte from the to this r. Churchman:

"Professor Barr's own com-mitment to historical method seems to be unqualified. Is there a danger of liberalism failing to be self-critical? I put it this way because this is exactly the criticism Professor Barr makes of conservative evangelicals."

The regiewer throws back at Professor Barr the words of the hiberal theologian Professor Gerhard Ebeling: "Although theology has raken seriously the problems raised by modern his-torical thought it has as yet failed to deal with them in a manner which is really adequate, convincing and helpful."

He adds the comment: " Here He adds the comment: "Here are critical scholars who speak of criticism reducing the Bible to a dead letter; they do not want to abandon critical method, but they do want to ger beyond the point where it has 'got stuck'."

It seems that both the liberal and the conservative positions on Scripture suffer from weaknesses that will be exposed, and ultimately tackled, only by this sort of mutual criticism. For the church at large, the significance of the debate is that Christianity grew up with an almost literal interpretation of the Bible, and the contemporary argument is exposing these bedrock foundations to see what they are

Fundamentalism (SCM Press.

Appointments in the Forces

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The Army
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Parliamentary diary

House of Commons HOUSE Of COMMINOUS

Nov 28: Debute on Commons scrainly of EEC legislation adjourned, wolten on EEC documents on fisheries agreed to. Motion on Code of Practice on time off for trade union activities agreed to. Adjournment debate about consumer advice contires. House adjourned, 1,25 am (Thousday). House adjourned, 1,25 am (Thousday). Altimost Bournemont and Common Comming Comming Committee on Scotland Bull, Motion on Finance on Scotland Bull, Motion on Finance of Industry (Thamas Board Mills Lide carried by '66 votes to 11, 37bournment debute Judoff Roya) Eve Intimary, Phymouth, House adjourned 1,-40 am (Wodresday). Westminster Cathedral yesterday to draw attention to Christian prisoners of conscience narrainett scenet 40001 kopai kvenat primaary. Piprocutti, House adjourned 7 am (Wednesday).
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A reception was hald offered. adroved to. Adjournment debate on critich fill House Mospital, Bracknell House adjourned, 11.46 an Fridge; before the Royal Commission on Environmental Polluton. European Communities (Definition of Troute, IND 5) Order agreed to. VAT order relating to International Services. Insurance, Finance, Gods, Education, Migher Hato. Communities of Buildings, Indian Hato. Communities of Buildings, Indian Hato. Communities of Buildings of Limits Order agreed to. House adjourned, 5.2 pm. A dinner was held on Friday, December 2, to mark the centenary of the founding of St Andrew's School, Eastbourne. Among the many old Androvians present were Mr Jack Durlacher, chairman of the translation between the head

House of Lords House of Lords

Nov 211 Statement on December meetings of Council of Ministers. There is a Council of Ministers in the council of Ministers and Council of Ministers and Parachial Registers and Parachial Registers and Measures agreed to Weights and Measures Act (Varcous Goods: Termination of Imperial Quantilities) Order agreed to Draft Code of Practice relating to time off for Itade union duties and activities agreed to Medical Bill mad a second time. Molion on report from European Communities Committee on youth employment agreed to Debate on EEC Communities.

Committee on youth emptoyment agreed to Debate on EEC Commission propagal "FAST". House adjourned, 11.15 pm.
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Parliamentary notices House of Commons

Latest wills Ted Ray leaves £191,199

Mr Charlie Olden, of Winchmore Bill, London, Ted Ray, the comedian, left £191,199. Other estates include (net, before meers) held their annual St Bariara's dinner in Stirling Castle on Saturday, Major J. M. Steele presided and the chief guests were Licutenant-General Sir David Scott-Burrett and Major-General R. M. Somerville. tax paid: tax not disclosed):

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Haywards Heath, and Maylair,
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Baird, Dr Thomas Richford, of

Royal Air Force Royal Air Force

AIR VICE-MARSHAL: J. A. Gilbert.

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the Code of recommendations for the welfare of lipestock relating to shoop. Tomogrow at 1.30: Further expertes in compilies on the Scotland Bill. Motion relating to the Sheriff (Removal from office) Order. Wednesday at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill. Motions on EEC Documents on merry policy and on nuclear boiley. Thursday at 1.30: Motions on Northern freshand Orders on Emergency Provisions and Criminal Law, and on Amorphisms. Electricity Services (Fibraco). Rates, Agricultural Waytes, September 1.30: Motions of Representation, Pates, Agricultural Waytes, September 21.11. Private Members.

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Friday at 11: Private Members'
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Select committees Setect Committees: Trade and hadastry subcommittee. Subject: Februg industry, Room 16, 10 am. Expenditure: Defeace and External Affalia subcommittee. Subject: CPRS Review. Witnesses: British Council Staff Side: BBC. Room 16, 3.20 pm. Wednesday: Expenditure: Environment subcommittee. Subject: Environment subcommittee. Subject: National Lind Sacretary for Industry. Room 16, 4.15 pm. Spenditure: Social Services and Employment abornmentoe. Subject Employment and Training Services. Witnessers: Secretary of State for Scotland. Room 11, 4.30 pm. Technology: Thursday. Science and Technology: Thursday. Science and Control and

House of Lords House of Lords

Tomorrow at 2.50: Europaen Communities (Definition of Treelles) /No

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OBITUARY

MR JACK BERESFORD Former World Amateur Sculling Champion

Born on January 1, 1899, the son of Julius Beresford, he was educated at Bedford School, whence he went directly into the Army in 1917, serving in France with The King's Liverpool Regiment until the end of the war. A wound in the leg cut short a career on the rugby field which had shown considerable promise, and Beres-ford thenceforward concentrated on the river.

To Jack Berestord it was given, as a result of unremitting effort and determination, to become the acknowledged and almost unchallenged amateur sculling champion of the world. He won the Diamond Sculls at his first attempt, in 1920, and in all competed for this event nine times, winning four times.
And he was amateur sculling champion of England without a break from 1920 to 1926.

He by no means confined trimself to sculling, for he also won the Silver Goblets in 1928 and 1929, and the Grand Chal-lenge Cup in 1923 and 1928. But it is his record in the Olympic Games that is most remarkable, for he represented Great Britain in five successive Great British in five successive Games, finally carrying the flag for the British team at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. He won three gold and two silver Olympic medals. In 1920 he was beaten into second place in the final of the single scutls by one

Mr Jack Beresford, CBE, who dominated Olympic sculling in the 1920s and 1930s, has died at the age of 78.

Born on January I, 1899, the son of Julius Beresford, he was educated at Bedford School, was educated at Bedford School, less fours in Los Angeles, and in 1936 in Berlin he won the double sculls with Leslie Southwood, in a thrilling finish which wrested the race from the German favorrites right in front of Hitler's box. In 1949 he was awarded the rare distinction of the Olympic Diplomaof Merit by the International Olympic Committee.

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Perhaps the most remarkable achievement of his career was his last appearance at Henley Regatta in 1939. At the age of 40, and with his Olympic partner. Southwood, he forced a dead heat in the final of the Centenary Double Sculls against the Italians in a race that will be remembered as long as Henley lasts. Beresford was a steward and umpire of Henley Royal Regatta. He served for many years on the committee of the Amateur Rowing Association and as a member of the international selection committee. He was made a CBE in 1960. He was rowing correspondent of The Field from 1965 to 1971.

He married, first, in 1940, Mary Leaning, by whom he had one son and one daughter. The marriage was dissolved. His second marriage was in 1958, to Stroma Jean Margaret Mor-rison. There were two daughters.

SIR ALEC VALENTINE

Sir Alec Valentine, chairman urban railways for London, injoined the London Underground Group of companies in
1928. He became the personal
assistant to the managing
director, Frank Pick (who 1951-52.
became vice-chairman of the
London Passenger Transport
Board when it was set up in
1933). He subsequently held a
number of senior posts before warrhin number of senior posts before nationalization in 1948, when be was made a full-time member of the London Trans-

port Executive.

As a member (and later subsequently reprinted in book chairman of the London Plan Working Party, the played a leading role in devising new and two daughters.

of London Transport from cluding what was to become 1959 to 1965, died on the Victoria Line. He left Lon-December 1 at the age of 77.

He was educated at Highgate become a member of the Bri-School and Worcester College, tish Transport Commission, oxford, and after commercial returning to London Transport returning to London Transport and Oxford, and after commercial returning to London Transport Hopkaton and Alexandra experience in the gas industry as chairman in 1959. He held joined the London Under- the post until 1965, when he Sir Alec was president of

the Institute of Transport in 1951-52. He was knighted in

He was a great lover of the He was a great lover of the countryside, and his main interests were walking, birdwatching, and fishing. As a young man he was the original "Pieldfare" in the Evening News, writing a series of country walk articles that were subsequently reprinted in book

MR L DONZELLI AND MR P CONTARINI

Sir Hugh Wontner writes: -In the past week there died, within a few days of each other, two men of marked distinction in the hotel and restaurant industry of London; both of Italian birth and both widely

known.

Mr Luigi Donzelli, always called Mr Luigi, presided over The Savoy Grill for 18 years from 1942 until 1961, and was one of the most outstanding managers of this famous restaurant; urbane, good looking, always impeccably dressed, he had a style distinctively his own.

He was at Claridge's before the less war, and moved from there to open his own restaurant in Jermyn Street, following in the footsteps of Sovrani, Quaglino, Manetta and so many others, who had all been at The Savoy or Claridge's, and had left to start their own restaurants in London. The war interrupted Luigi's career, and his restaurant closed, but, as soon as he was free of restric-tion, the weat back again to Charidge's in 1941, and from there to The Sevoy, where in the spartan circumstances of

MR JOHN MANTON

Mr John Manton died on November 29 at the age of 60. He served during the War with the Royal Warwickshire Regi-ment and following this managed a truit and dairy farm in Sussex, before going to the Suden as an Inspector of Agri-culture. In 1954 be joined the Nickerson Group ultimately becoming deputy chairman of becoming deputy charman of the Agricultural Division of the Group which meant that he had overall responsibility for Cherry Valley Farms, now the largest duck farm in the world, and the Conswold Pig Development Com-He was a member of the

Council and Executive of the British Poultry Federation, chairman of the Duck Producers Association, and was instigator of the Oven Ready Turkey Association. He also served on the Caistor Rural District Council and Local Parish Council. Lady Griffin, wife of Sir John

Griffin QC, died on November 28. She was Eva Orrell, second daughter of J. M. Walsh and Cheshire, engineers agent 28. She was Eva Orrell, so Whayman, Mr Claude Orford, of daughter of J. M. Walsh Gidea Park, London . £114,905 | she was married in 1947.

blast walls and sandbags he reopened The Savoy Grill during the Blitz. It was here draw Luigi's personal qualities singled him out at once, and these advantages, with the skill he possessed in his profession, made him one of the best known and most successful restauraneurs of his day.

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Mr Paulo Contarini, an
Indian of great charm, courtly
manners and kindly wit, with
long experience in different countries in Europe, sertled in England before the war, with the intension of retiring, but, when hostilities ceased, he dewent to The Savov, where he was appointed banquering manager, in which he became almost a legend. He was the only person holding that appointment to become subsequently general manager of ... The Savoy Hotel, in which task, he employed all the many ralents which he possessed. in 1971, at the age of 76 the wrote a book. The Suppr is mig-Oyster, which is new in its second edition, and in which he described his experiences in a long life of great achievement.

DR M. A. V. **DEVANATHAN**

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Dr M. A. V. Devanathan,
Director of the Tea Research
Institute of Sri Lanka, has died
at the age of 52. "Dev" was
an accomplished physical
chemist, an authority on interfacial electrochemistry and,
more recently, on the development of the tea industry. He ment of the tea industry. He took his doctorate at Imperial College and returned to this country on many occasions, most recently as Commonwealth.
Visiting Professor at Southampton University. His interests were wide and included solar energy systems, instant tea and the protein value of tea leaves. He was a Tamil, a devout Catholic, and a devoted son of Sri Lanka. He leaves a widov Margaret, and four children. Ibrahim Harbi Farah, the Dibouti Republic's Finance Minister, died on November 22 in hospital at Saint Mande on

the outskirts of Paris. He was 38 and took over his post last July when the former French. herritory of Afars and Issas got-its first independent govern-

Family farmers put their case on institutional ownership funncial advisers. If he had died

Lord Northfield made an impor-tant commitment at the first public meeting of his committee about the ownership of farmland. "We are not going to be a long-winded committee", he said. The meeting, held on Friday, marked the belated tart of an informed and coherent debate about the most controversial newcomers to English forming, inappeial institutions. Nearly a

the governing body, and the head-master, Mr Dod Wainwright.

St Edward's School Society
The annual Oxford dinner of St
Edward's School Society was held
on Saturday evening at the Oxford
Lodge Hotel. Mr L. M. Buchanan,
president, was in the chair and the
chief guest was the Warden of St
Edward's School. Mr C. H.
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Officers of 102nd (Ulster and Scottish) Light Air Defence Regiment. Royal Artillery (Volun-

Service dinner

hundred farmers attended, but the institutions and the farming press were motably absent.

The meeting was held in a school ball at Chelmsford, Essex, a county in which the financial institutions have made some of a county in which the financial institutions have made some of their heaviest inroads. The farming press has called their intervention the "kind grab" and Lord Northfield was told many times that the process was dangerous and unfair to family formers.

A suggestion from the floor that farms were becoming too larve aroused a numble of "bear, hear", while the claim that

larms owned by financial institu-tions gave their workers better

pay and a more promising career structure was hissed angely. Lord Northfield said that the lastitutions, which include pension funds, insurance companies and inrestment trusts. probably owned between 300,000 and 600,000 of the 40 million acres of farmland in the United Kingdom. "We do not know how much they own", he said. "There is no land register that gives us an accurate forces."

He was much more definite about the figure of 15 million, which he quoted to the discomfinare of some of the audience as the number of people who had acquired a tiny indirect stake in farmland by joining pension schemes. schemes. "Why do you keep calling the institutions 'they'?", he asked repeatedly as farmers spoke of the

repeatedly as ramers spoke of the tax concessions enjoyed by institu-tions as if they were joints of prime ment flung by the Treasury to a pack of jarkals. "They are just land specula-tors", one fatmer said. "They may call themselves pension funds." Another said: "We canAgriculture **Hugh Clayton**

not afford to treat land as a thattel for capital gain."

Mr Hew Watt. one of the most famous and voluble farmers in Essex, exposed the distinction between the social and economic arguments acoust permitting changes in the countryside that lead to the constant enlargement of farms and the substitution of

salaried managers for family salaried managers for family farmers.
"We have gone too far with the depopulation of the country-side", he said. "You go to the Soviet Union and see how the peasants cultivate their own little plots compared with the state system. The difference stands out a mile."

Mr Watt came armed with data prepared for the committee by his

financial advisers. If he had died in January last year, capital transfer tax on his estate would have totalled £65,000. If he had died six weeks ago it would have been £156,000. However, in view of a very recent offer worth £1,500 an acre for his 500-acre farm, the tax liability had been recalculated at £238,000.

"Three generations of farming Three generations of farming

Three generations of farming would come to an end because my family would not be able to pay that", Mr Wan said. Lord Northfield pounced on the social question and established that the institutions' freedom from such transion was not the only cause of farmers' discontent.

The social view was expressed most succincity by Mr John Mackie, chairman of the Forestry Commission, who said that he had farmed for more than fifty years. Mr Mackie, a juntor minister at marmed for more wan may years.

Ms Mackie, a justion minister at
the Manistry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food in the mid1950s, said that "old-type landlords" used the proceeds of mcreased rents from their tenant
farmers for investment and improvement in the land.

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coincidence of higher rents and contracts in which tenants agree to make their own improvements, thus excluding by implication the traditional improving role of the private individual landlord. " Are these new landlords going:

Are these new landlords going, to suck out 150 or 150 or 150 or 150 an acre without ploughing It back? "I'm Mackie asked." This business of full-repairing leases is a big danger. Big rents are going different agriculture, with nothing coast line back." lng back."

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Lord Northfield stack gamely 18 his 15 million small investors and defended the installations to the point of doubting the assumption that they usually want to farm themselves instead of recognizing the value of tenant farmers for the social health of the country side. "The figures we have show that there is very little evidence to this claim that the institutions sim-

Sos, said that "old-type land-ords" used the proceeds of in-reased rents from their tenant armers for investment and in-covernent in the land.

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